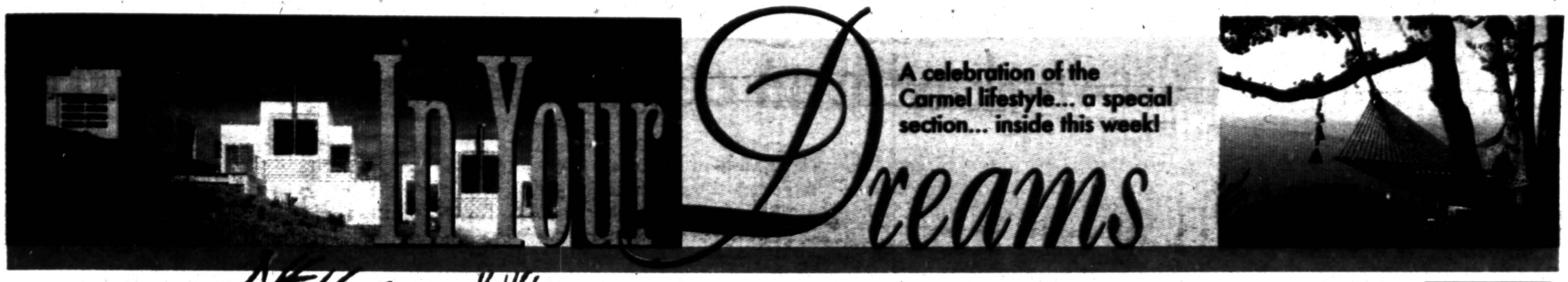


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## Fight to save cypress teetering over abyss

By CHRIS COUNTS

As THE future of a landmark cypress tree on Scenic Road literally hangs in the balance, a longtime neighbor has decided it's time to save it from falling down an eroded sandy bluff above the Carmel River.

"Nature does not have to bat last," said Paul John, referring to a comment from Vic Lewis, interim maintenance manager for Monterey County Public Works, who was trying to stop further destruction of the bluff by the roiling Carmel River.

John and the Committee to Save the Historic Cypress Tree want the Carmel City Council to ask county supervisor Dave Potter and the county public works department to "make every effort to save the historic cypress tree."

For at least 80 years, the stately tree has stood on the bluff overlooking the Carmel River. Now it is threatened by erosion, which John believes is the result of a county project gone awry.

On Dec. 30, public works bulldozers cut a channel in the sandbar at the mouth of the Carmel River when the lagoon reached flood stage. In recent years, public works has breached the southern end of the sandbar, creating the most direct outlet to the sea. But this year the sandbar was cut at an angle to the north, in an effort to slow the flow and protect baby steelhead trout at the request of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The northern breach sent the rushing waters into the bluffs at the north end of the beach, threatening both the picturesque cypress and adjacent Scenic Road.

Local tree expert Frank Ono assessed the cypress.

"The tree looks pretty secure, but something has got to

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PHOTO/WARREN POITRAS

Will naming the tree after famed state senator Fred Farr generate interest in saving it? Carmelite Paul John hopes so.

## Now comes the hard part for P.B. plan

By PAUL MILLER

In THE same room where the plan was announced almost five years earlier by Peter Ueberroth and Clint Eastwood, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Pebble Beach Company's downsized development proposals Tuesday.

The vote came amid general consensus among board members that a golf course, 160 hotel rooms, 60 units of employee housing and 30 homes would much better for the environment and the community than the several hundred homes the company had sought to build for years before it was acquired by Ueberroth, Eastwood, Arnold Palmer and their partners in 1999.

"I am very pleased that the P.B. Co. has been very conscientious," said supervisor Jerry Smith, taking note of the project's employee housing and dedication of 492 acres of pine forest as permanent open space. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn from a master developer how to provide job creation and better homes for workers while protecting the environment."

"This plan was approved overwhelmingly by the voters of this county," noted supervisor Butch Lindley. "We're fortunate to have an organization in our community we can depend on."

Lou Calcagno, a supervisor and former member of the

*See **P.B. PLAN** page 21A*

## BIG BLACK LAB A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Carmel resident George Redmon, blinded by diabetes, brought seeing-eye dog Ashford home with him last month and enjoys his new freedom and a bit of notoriety. "We're pretty hard to miss," he said.

By MARY BROWNFIELD

GEORGE REDMON, the blind Carmel resident who made a brief run for city council last year, hung up his cane in February after returning from Oregon with Ashford, a 3-year-old, long-haired black Labrador. Ashford will serve as Redmon's eyes for several years until he — the dog — retires.

"It's amazing. You keep wanting to think, 'There's no way this dog's going to know to do this or do that — he's going to mess up,'" Redmon said of his newly acquired seeing-eye dog, who was born, raised and trained by the San Rafael-based nonprofit, Guide Dogs for the Blind. "But they prove you wrong every time."

Suffering from diabetic retinopathy, Redmon has undergone nine surgeries in the past several years. He's lost one eye and can only see light and shadow out of the other.

Initially, he resisted identifying himself as blind and optimistically believed surgery might help him see again, so he refused to use a cane.

"Then a few times, I ran into walls," he said. "I figured out I better start using a cane, or I'm going to get all banged up."

The first time Redmon ventured out with his cane from the small apartment at Coachman's Inn he shares with his wife, hotel manager Karen Redmon, the short walk to Sunset Center left him soaked in sweat.

"It wasn't because I was scared or anything — I was just thrilled how comfortable it made me feel to walk that distance without falling over or running into something," he

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## *ADA lawyer barred from filing more suits*

### ■ He responds by calling judge's orders racist

By PAUL MILLER

A SERIES of more than 400 nearly identical disability access lawsuits amount to "extortionate shysterism," U.S. District Court Judge Edward Rafeedie said last week as he extended his effort to put a halt to the suits by ordering San Francisco lawyer Thomas Frankovich and his firm, The Frankovich Group, not to file any more ADA claims in the Central District of California without approval from one of the district's judges.

Rafeedie made a similar order against Frankovich's principal client, Jarek Molski, Dec. 9, 2004. During the last two years, Molski and Frankovich have filed hundreds of suits against wineries, retails shops, restaurants and hotels throughout California, including eight restaurants in downtown Carmel and numerous other businesses in Monterey County.

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## *Attorney files lawsuit against town that doesn't exist*

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE TOWN of Carmel Valley may only exist in the hopes and dreams of a handful of incorporation proponents, but that hasn't stopped a man injured in a bicycle accident from suing it.

Rick Blake, a scientist who works for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, fell on San Benancio Road while participating in the Steinbeck Watershed Century, a bicycle tour and fundraiser for the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy. The Carmel River Watershed Council, the County of Monterey and the State of California were also named as defendants in the lawsuit.

Steven Weiner, an attorney in Walnut Creek representing Blake, said he was unaware there is no Town of Carmel Valley.

"We try to name anyone we can that has exposure [to liability]," said Weiner, who added that it's too early too tell who ultimately bears responsibility for the section of road where Blake fell.

Bill West, event director and vice president of the conservancy, was puzzled by the inclusion of the council in the lawsuit.

"The 'council' is a just a group of people," he said "The 'conservancy' is the actual financial organization."

Clerical errors aside, the suit is asking for

*See **C.V.** page 7A*

# Esalen looks forward, with an eye on the rear view mirror

By CHRIS COUNTS

LIKE THE muddy field in Bethel, N.Y., that hosted the landmark Woodstock music festival, the Esalen Institute in Big Sur will forever be linked to the 1960s.

At the peak of that colorful, exciting and often turbulent decade, Esalen was acclaimed by the media as the birthplace of the "Human Potential Movement," which embodied the hippie philosophy of "if it feels good, do it."

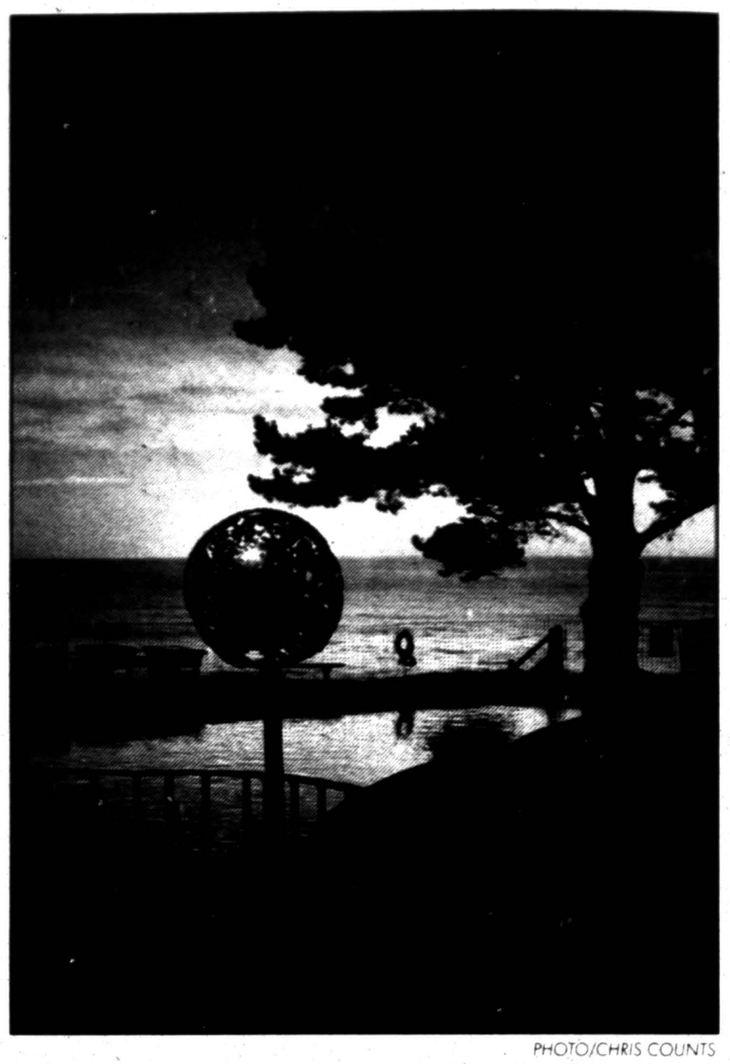
The P.G. Museum of Natural History will offer an opportunity to learn more about the enigmatic educational center and the decade it helped define. Talks by Esalen President Gordon Wheeler and others will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 18.

Esalen was founded in 1962 as a nonprofit center dedicated to the study of eastern religion and humanistic psychology. As its reputation grew as a countercultural mecca, so did the media's portrayal of Esalen as a haven for sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. A 1969 movie, "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice," poked fun at the center and the lifestyles of its visitors. But clearly Esalen was more than a decade-long party that ended 35 years ago. How does the Esalen of the future reconcile itself with the Esalen of the past?

"The 1950s were a straightjacket world," Wheeler said. "The 1960s were a time of bursting boundaries. Those were outlaw times. It was a time of great individual transformation. Our challenge today is not to overcome the past but to keep some of that outlaw spirit alive."

The years have passed, and the world has changed drastically around Esalen, which ironically was once credited with changing the world. Is Esalen still relevant in the 21st century?

"We're an educational campus with a $12 million annual budget," Wheeler said. "Each year 15,000 students and guests are drawn here."



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

For 43 years, the Esalen Institute in Big Sur has offered workshops described as The Human Potential Curriculum.

### Changing the world

Wheeler also believes the 21st century offers an opportunity to "change the world," and he is confident Esalen can play a leading role — a lofty goal, perhaps, but Esalen has never been shy about setting ambitious objectives. In the 1980s, Esalen initiated a series of dialogues and conferences with Russian scholars, intellectuals and journalists in an effort to reduce Cold War tensions. In 1989, Esalen arranged and sponsored Boris Yeltsin's first visit to the United States, which included meetings with President George Bush and former President Ronald Reagan. In a move Yeltsin said profoundly affected him, Esalen representatives took him to a supermarket — a taste of capitalism that may have encouraged Yeltsin to help end Soviet communism.

"We look for a dialogue that is not happening," he said. "If you can create dialogue, the sky's the limit."

When Esalen's leadership isn't busy trying to change the world, it's involved in the day-to-day tasks of managing a workshop center and hot springs resort. The center relies on donors to offset its expenses and fund its more ambitious research. Wheeler said Esalen has a strong network of financial support.

"It's a busy world with a lot of busy causes," he said. "Fortunately, a lot of people love Esalen and they're willing to invest in us."

### Eclectic mix of workshops

This weekend, the center will feature workshops with titles like, "A Spring Equinox Yoga Retreat," "Zen and Tao — The Hero's Journey," and "Survival — Taking Back Your Life And Moving Forward After Losing a Partner." Each year, the center offers about 400 workshops on a dizzying array of subjects relating to mind, body, spirit, heart and community, which Wheeler describes as "the human potential curriculum."

While many guests are drawn to Esalen by its diverse curriculum, others come for its natural hot springs, which flow out of the

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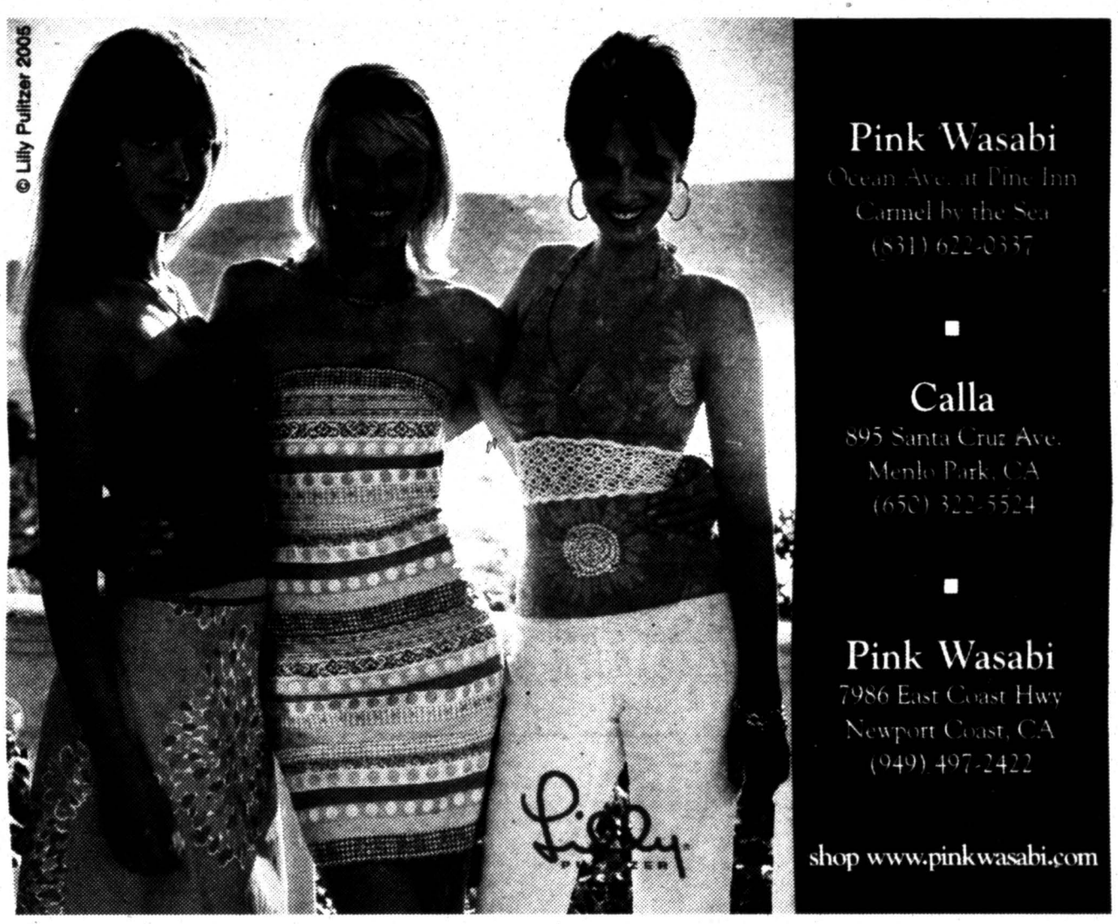

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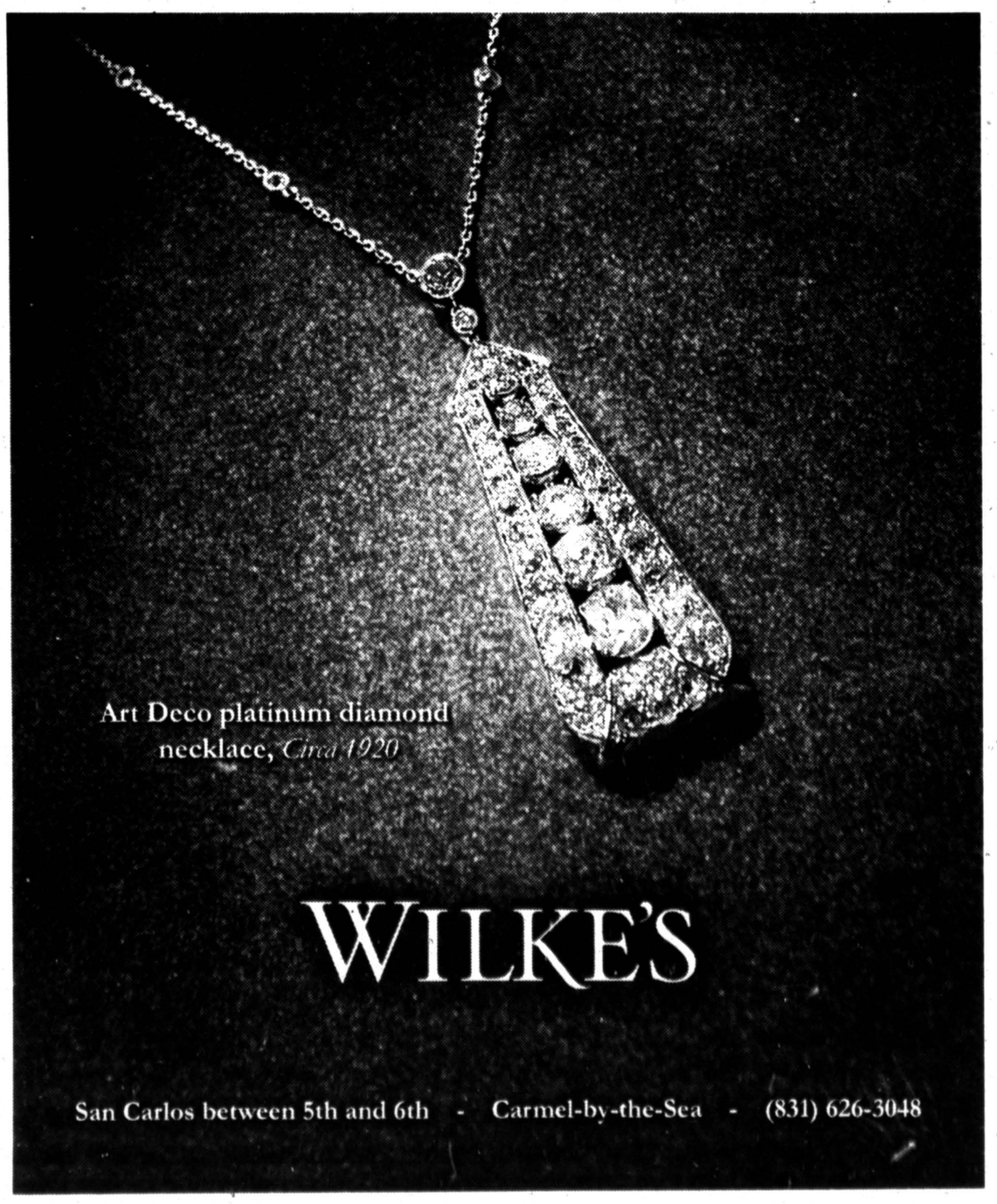


# Athletes do what they do best to earn $ for CHS pool

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ALL SWIMMERS great and small — as well as fans of the sport and admirers of longtime coach Bob Walthour — will take to the water at Carmel High School March 26.

The Swim-A-Rama, in which people swim laps to help raise money to replace the high school's aging and problematic pools, will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fundraiser will have food, music and a raffle, according to Padre parent Jan Langland, the event chairman this year. Her sons, Todd and Blake, swim competitively at Carmel High.

"Getting this swimming facility up to date could really be a wonderful thing for the community," she said. As they are, the school's old pools are too small for the swim teams to practice effectively, and the too-shallow water polo pool means all games and most practices are held elsewhere.

The Carmel Unified School District has estimated replacing them will cost $2.5 million, and FOCA — the Friends of Carmel Aquatics — is trying to raise $1 million to help cover the costs.

Swimmers have been seeking pledges per lap or flat donations from friends and families, Langland said.

"We're hoping to get people from the community as well as friends. It's open to everybody," she said of the event.

Children under 10 will swim their laps during the first hour of the event, after which the pool's six lanes will open to the rest of the dedicated swimmers.

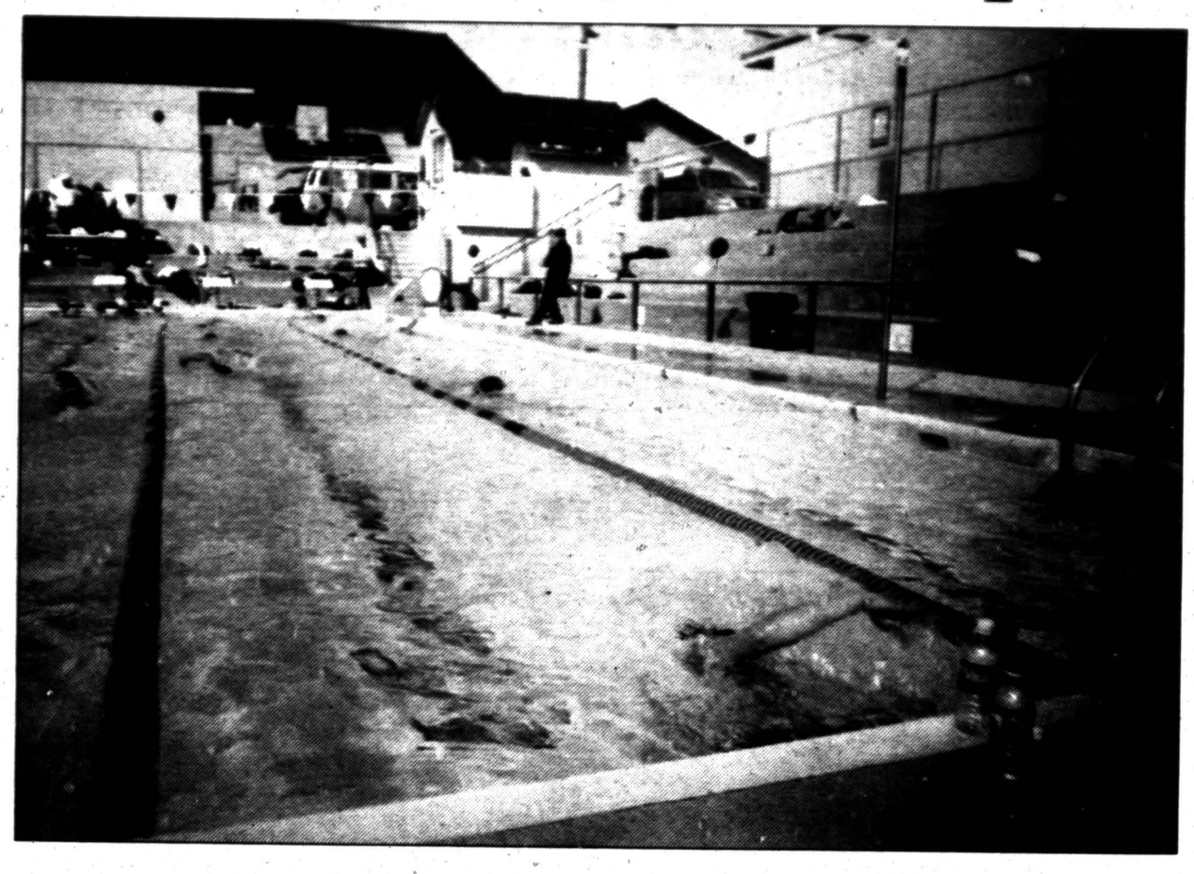
"We will have older swimmers go to 1 p.m., or however long they need," Langland said. "Last year people swam as many as 200 laps."

And while they swim, students, family members and alumni will honor Bob Walthour, who started the Barracuda swim team and has coached various sports at Carmel schools since 1964. While coaching girls' swimming at Carmel High, he set a still-unbroken national record of 140 consecutive wins. Walthour currently heads the dive team at the school and in 2000 was named Monterey County's Coach of the Century, having led teams in track, cross country, football, swimming, diving and wrestling. Walthour will be recognized with a plaque and "everyone telling their favorite Bob stories," starting at 11 a.m.

Swimmers and spectators at the Swim-A-Rama may also participate in drawings for a wide range of prizes, including an iPod Shuffle, a shopping spree, gift certificates to local restaurants and salons, and two-way radios. Music will play over the P.A. system to keep things upbeat, and food will fortify all.

Last year, swimmers raised $16,000 for the pool project.

"This year we hope to double it," Langland said. All contributions are tax-deductible.



At 60 years old, Carmel High School's pool is overdue for replacement - but that hasn't stopped swimmers from taking to its lanes to raise money for a new one.

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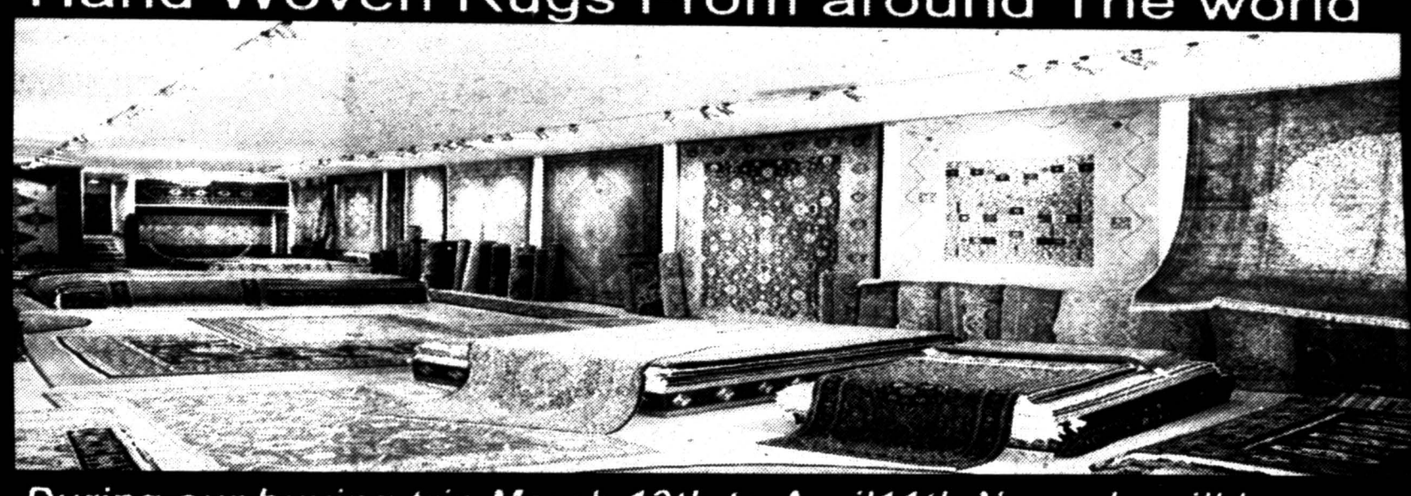

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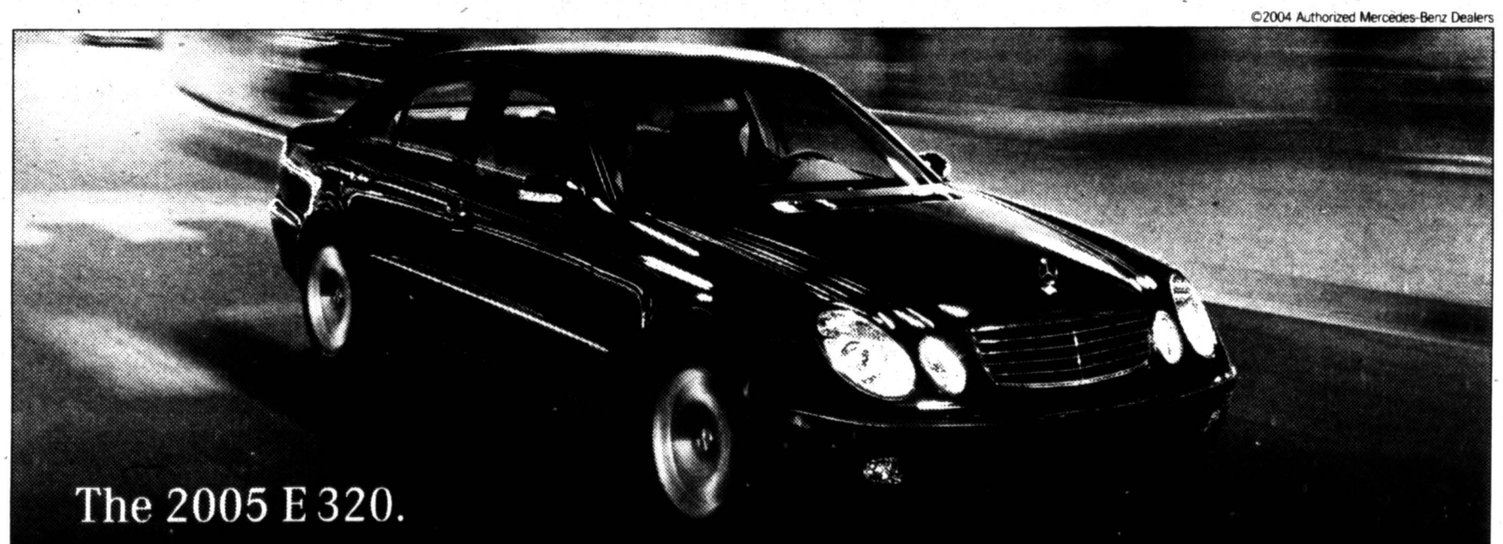

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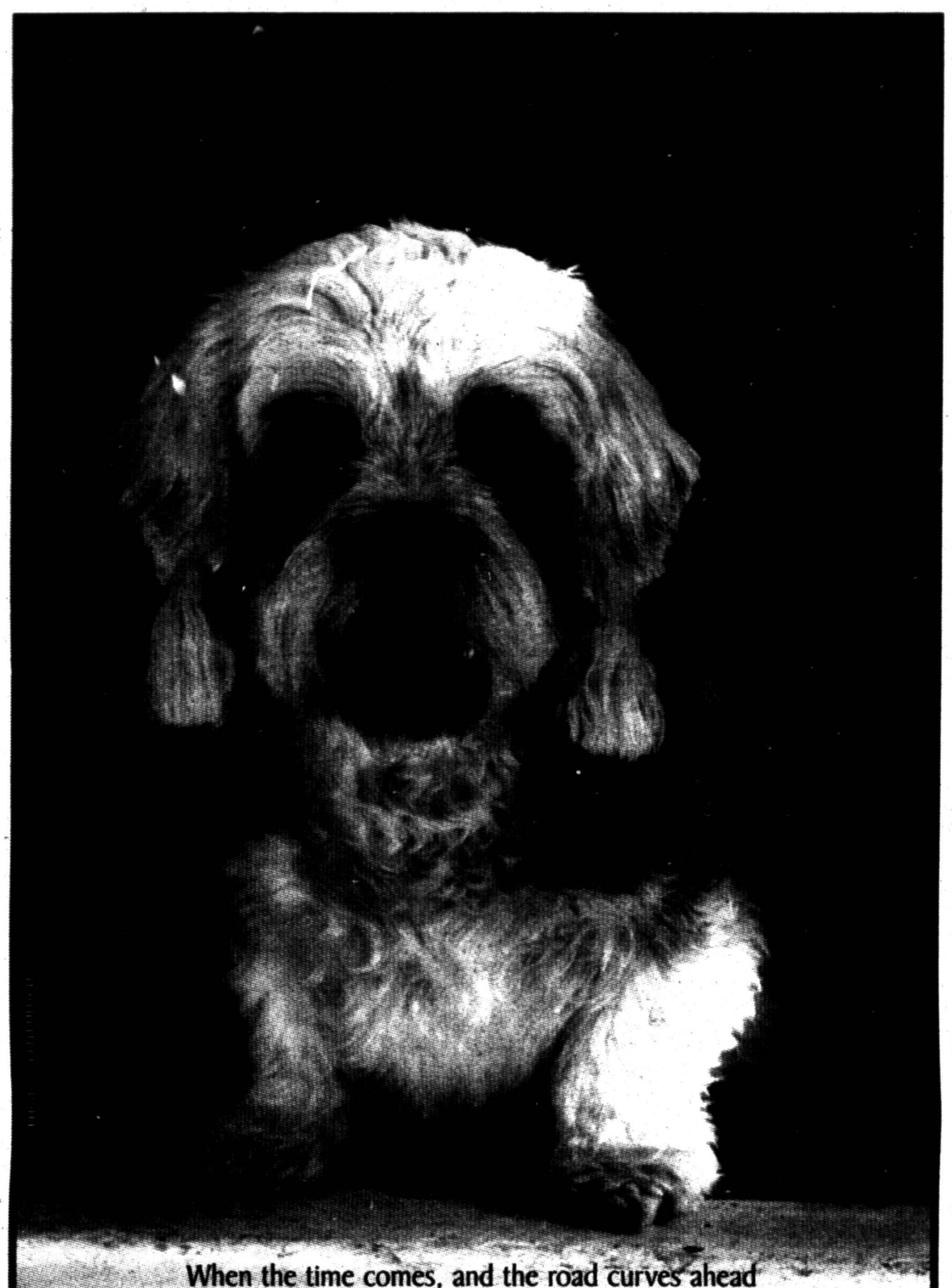

When the time comes, and the road curves ahead
to a place we cannot see, we give one final gift
and let them run on ahead – young and whole once more.
"Godspeed, good friend." we say, until our journey comes full circle
and our paths cross again.

## Mysteriously reappearing timepiece an attempt to scare?

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log compiled by Mary Brownfield.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspect entered a locked truck parked on San Antonio Avenue and stole a men's wallet from the rear cargo area of the truck.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A vehicle was parked on Santa Lucia with expired registration. The vehicle was towed per authority of the California Vehicle Code.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Casanova Street resident reported someone had stolen two jackets from his residence. Searched the residence and found both jackets. No other problems noted.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a peace disturbance on Lincoln Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine and ambulance responded to report of medical emergency at Sunset Center. At scene, found an older female patient suffering from nausea, dizziness and nearly passed out. Assessed her and suggested she go to the ER for further evaluation. She denied offer to transport to CHOMP by ambulance and signed a medical release.

**Carmel Valley:** A 54-year-old Rancho Road resident reported a theft of a CD player and watch from his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in his driveway. There are no suspects.

**Carmel Valley:** A 57-year-old male reported an ongoing civil problem at a Carmel Valley Road property.

**MONDAY, MARCH 7**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male subject reported losing a brown-colored wallet in the business area on 03-06. He may have lost it in the market at Sixth and San Carlos last night. At 1132 hours, the subject called back and indicated he found his wallet.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A female subject lost her balance on the sidewalk and fell to the pavement on Fifth. She was transported by ambulance to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 911 hang-up from Ocean Avenue with a subject advising there was no problem. Background noise was a female who appeared to be upset. Officer arrived and the subjects denied having any problems. There appeared to be no physical violence. The male subject was irate about police response. He was advised that 911 calls have to be investigated.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Officers responded to a reported medical emergency involving a victim of a fall on Carmelo. Upon arrival, officers noticed victim was unconscious and not breathing. CPR was started immediately. CFD arrived on scene and transported victim to CHOMP for further treatment. The wife was provided a courtesy transport to CHOMP as well.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine responded to report of water leak at Norton Court senior residence at Dolores and Fifth. At scene, found the water service to one of the apartments broken on the resident side of the service. Turned off the water, contacted the Carmel Foundation and notified the resident. Engine crew contacted by a resident that the woman in another unit needed assistance back into bed from the bathroom floor.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine responded to report of a subject needing assistance into bed from the floor at Norton Court senior residence. Found a female resident on the floor of one of the units. She denied any injury and was requesting assistance back into bed. Assisted her into bed and told her to call the fire department if there were any changes.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on San Carlos at Fifth. Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with c-spine, vitals, patient report information and loading into the ambulance of an older female who had fallen at the curb adjacent to her vehicle, suffering a hematoma to the rear of her head. Patient transported ot CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Carmelo. On scene, firefighters assisted ambulance crew with CPR, patient report information and loading into the ambulance of an unresponsive male in cardiac arrest. Patient transported to CHOMP.

**Big Sur:** On 03-06, a group of four hikers from Berkeley and Richmond became separated while hiking in the Limekiln area of the Big Sur Coast. At around 1745 hours, two of the hikers came out of the forest and returned to their car. At around 2008 hours the other two male hikers were reported to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office as being overdue. A search was then initiated involving the MCSO Search and Rescue Team, the California Highway Patrol helicopter and the MCSO Mounted Search Team. The two hikers were located on 03-07 at around 0950 hours. The two hikers had become disoriented while hiking and could not find the trail due to darkness setting in. They waited until daylight and were able to find their way out to Highway 1, where they were located by the search and rescue team. The hikers were cold and hungry but in good condition.

**Carmel area:** A 70-year-old female Clocktower Place tenant reported someone dumped garbage into their private dumpster.

**Carmel Valley:** A male suspect, age 55, was stopped at Delfino Place at 1415 hours and arrested for driving drunk.

**Carmel Valley:** A 57-year-old Wawona resident reported the burglary of her house.

**Carmel Valley:** A male reported unknown suspects entered his 77-year-old mother's El Potrero Road residence and stole a small safe containing several items of jewelry.

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The Crossword Puzzle is on page 24A

**Answer to This Week's Puzzle**

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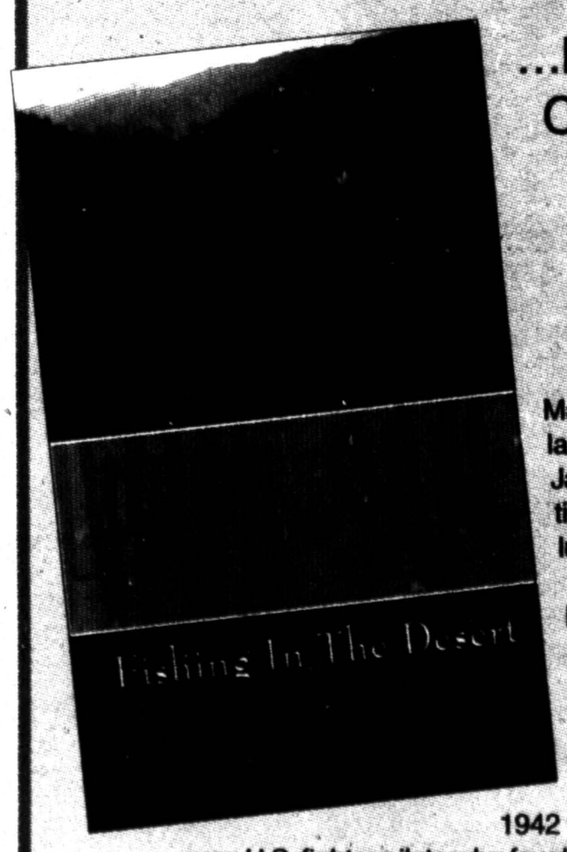


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Finley spent almost a year occupying Japan after the war ended. He lived among the despised enemy and matured under the influence of Papa-san. He witnessed the culture and social reality of a people not at all unlike his family and friends at home. Finley learned to respect and enjoy the customs of a civilization with over two thousand years of history.

Takashi Motoyama, who became affectionately called Papa-san, was interned in California in 1942 with his wife and two children. His two eldest sons were U.S. fighter pilots who fought in Europe. Papa-san was a multi-millionaire legal alien who was returned to Japan, penniless.

Tom Finley

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# LEARN TO SAVE YOUR NEIGHBOR - AND YOURSELF - FREE

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN A major disaster ties up firefighters and medics, calls that would get their full attention under normal circumstances can be left unattended for days. But residents with some know-how can help, and firefighters will offer a free six-session class covering essential lifesaving and disaster-response skills that will also show students how to make their own homes safer.

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- The Highlands Fire Station at 73 Fern Canyon Road will host the April 14 session on emergency preparation.
- The April 21 meeting at Carmel Valley Fire's Mid Valley Station, located at 8455 Carmel Valley Road, will feature demonstrations on fire safety and extinguishers, PG&E scenarios and response, and how to prepare for possible terrorist attacks.
- Disaster psychology and basic search and rescue will be discussed April 28 at the Cypress Fire station at 3775 Rio Road, with guest speakers from the Red Cross and the SPCA. Information will be provided on what happens to pets during a disaster and how to protect the furred, scaled and feathered members of the family. .
- The May 5 session, also at the Rio Road station, will focus on basic emergency first aid.
- The final class, on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vista Lobos, will feature practical hands-on training in which students will have a chance to show their skills, followed by a barbecue for current students and alumni.

Attending every class is not mandatory, and anyone who missed a class the last time CERT was offered may make it up during this offering.

To sign up, call CFD Shift Commander Mitch Kastros or CFD administrative coordinator Leslie Fenton at (831) 620-2030, or Highlands Fire Captain Cindy Nagai at (831) 624-2374.

# HYDRANT TESTS SET

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The hydrant tests allow firefighters to know whether the water will flow at the gallon-per-minute rate indicated by the color of the hydrant, which can be critical when battling a fire. The departments test about 20 percent of their hydrants each year.

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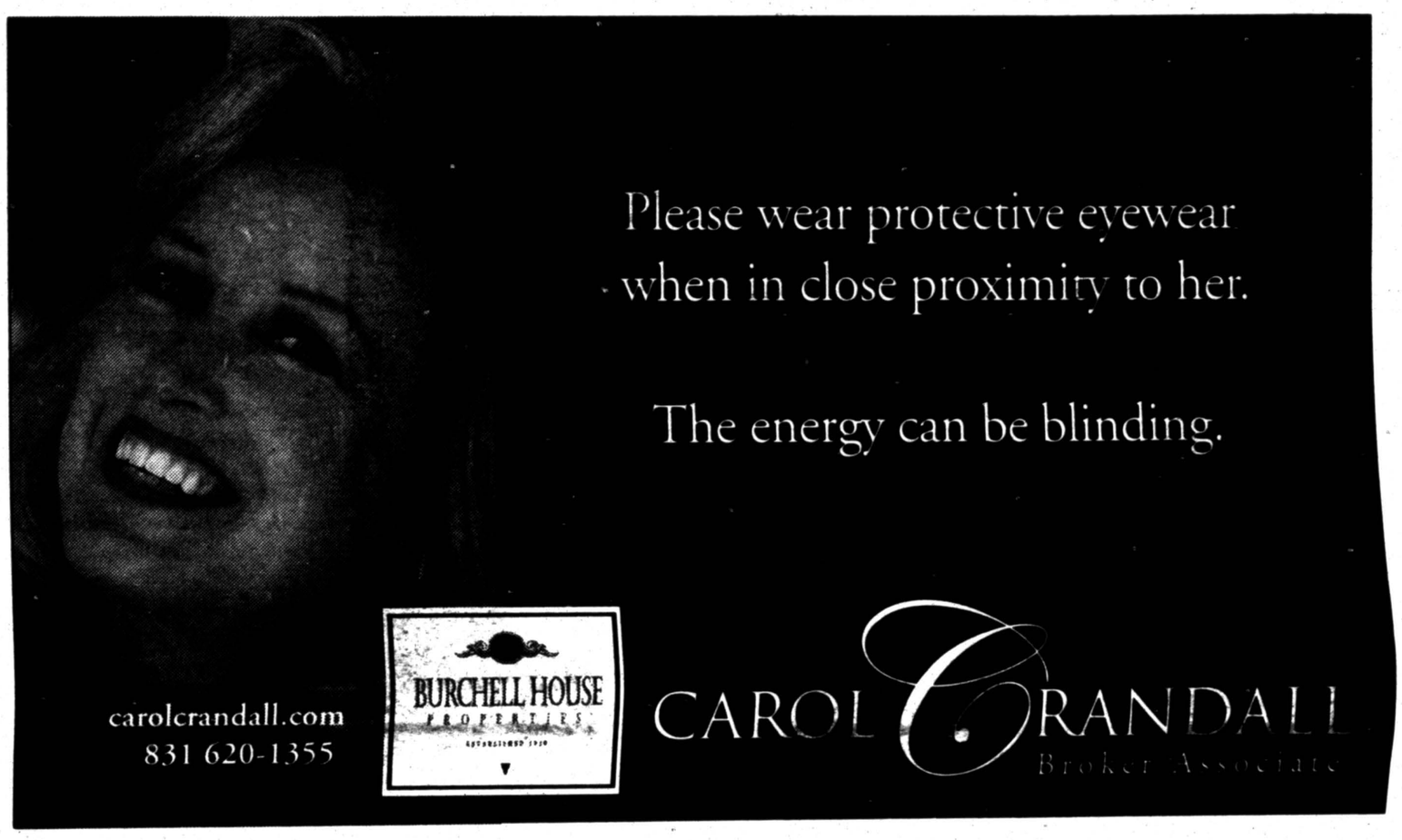
The vineyard, located on Paraiso Springs Road outside of Soledad, is open daily for winetasting. For more information, call (831) 678-0300. For inquiries about the air show, ask for Jennifer Murphy-Smith.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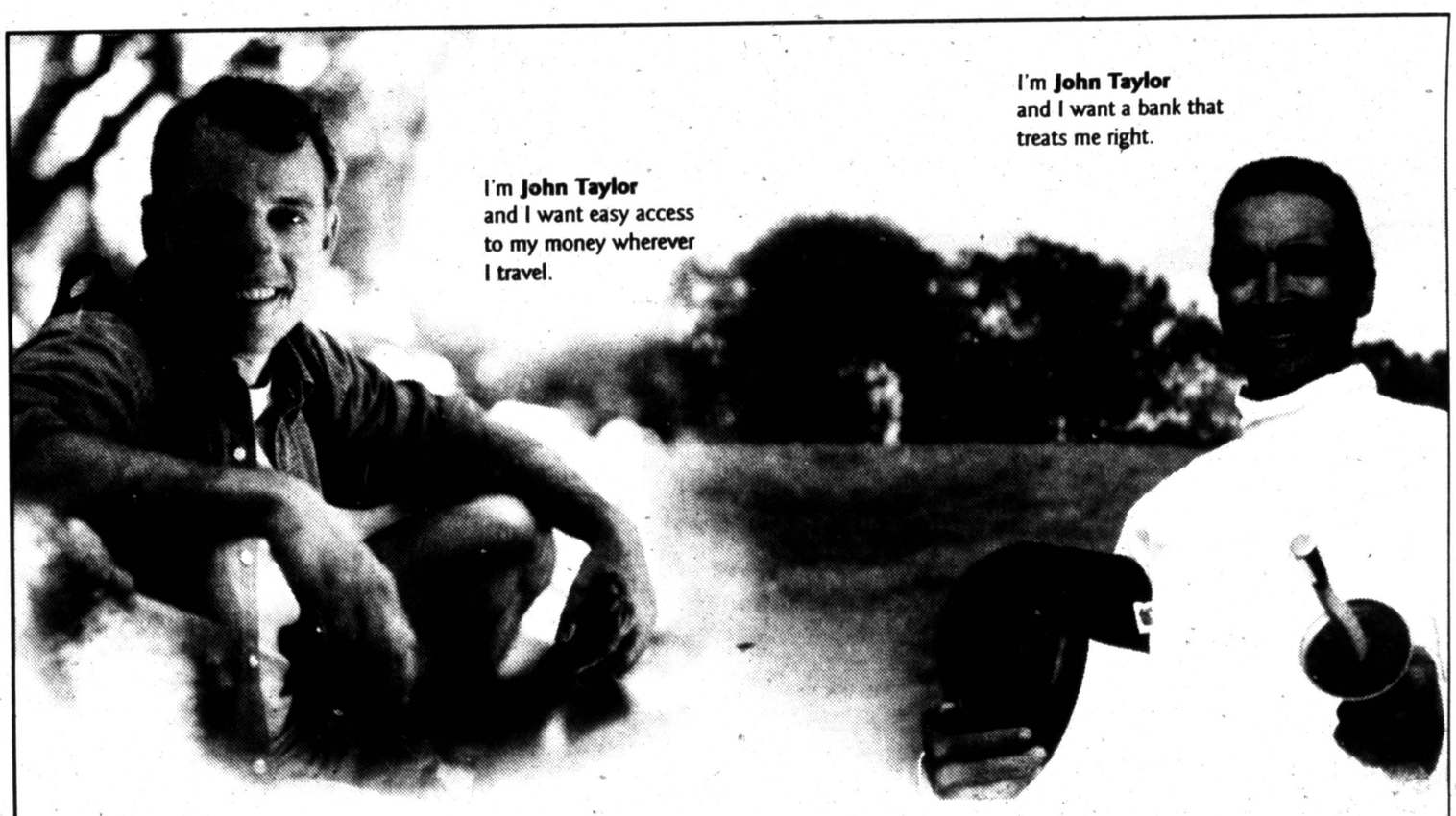


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# Veteran criminal catcher, altruistic dispatcher named officers of year

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL POLICE officer Chris Johnson and police services officer Jeff Olinger were named Carmel P.D.'s officers of the year for 2004.

During his six years on the job, Johnson has become "highly prized on any shift," CPD Chief George Rawson wrote in his commendation of Johnson. "Supervisors have been known to vie for him when there is an opening on their watch. His ability to adapt and take on any assignment is unmatched."

As an "extremely proactive" cop always on the lookout for criminals, Johnson boasts an impressive record of arrests and has helped prevent crime, according to the chief.

In a June 2003 issue of The Pine Cone, then-detective Sgt. Pete Poitras called Johnson "a veritable stolen-vehicle magnet" after he tracked down three stolen cars in three weeks. He arrested a San Diego car-jacking suspect June 15, took two more suspected car thieves into custody June 17, and pulled over and arrested another July 3.

In announcing the award, Rawson praised

Chris Johnson

PHOTOS/PINE CONE FILE

Jeff Olinger

Johnson's willingness to embrace the department's community policing values and said he is "an individual of character who can in fact take on the roles of coach, counselor, motivator and mentor."

Last year, he tested for and was assigned the role of field training officer, because of his "technical skills as well as his ability to teach," Rawson said, and he has volunteered for all patrol shifts, desk duty and special assignments.

It was that volunteerism that led him to help save a life in June 1999 when, as a new officer, he heard a 911 call that a 50-year-old Carmel man had collapsed and was receiving CPR from his girlfriend. Johnson and Cpl. John Nyunt (now a sergeant and the 2003 Officer of the Year) ran into the home, where Johnson did chest compressions while Nyunt handled the rescue breathing until paramedics arrived to take the man to the hospital. The heart-attack victim was conscious and able to speak by the time he was transferred to another hospital four days later, according to reports at the time.

"His spirit of commitment to the community before himself has built a work environment of trust, support and respect," Rawson concluded in his remarks.

**PSO of the Year**

Dispatcher Jeff Olinger, who joined Carmel P.D. in fall 2003, was named Carmel Police Services Officer of the Year for 2004 for his willingness to go beyond the call, Rawson told the Carmel City Council March 1. Johnson was also scheduled to be honored at that meeting but was unable to attend.

"He's described as a very altruistic person," Rawson said before recounting stories of Olinger's many efforts to help others, including a resident worried about an animal in distress and another left in a cold and dark house on Christmas Eve.

Olinger "was able to persuade someone from PG&E to step up to the plate and turn on the power so that resident could enjoy the holidays," Rawson told the council.

An experienced technician who serves on the board of the nonprofit at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and runs radio communications at the track, Olinger is also the department's resident computer guru who helps battle bugs.

"His general knowledge of how to help out and get day-to-day things fixed is just extraordinary," Rawson said. "Cpl. Steve Rana recruited him, and when I met him, I had the impression that he would be a great teammate. Jeff works hard to uphold the values of the department."

## Playboys and Satellites invade Rippling River

By LAITH AGHA

TWO LOCAL bands, the Cachagua Playboys and the Cowboy Satellites, are playing a music benefit for the Rippling River apartment complex this Saturday, March 19, at the Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

Rippling River is home to low-income disabled and elderly people who much prefer independent living in the country to residing in a nursing home.

The proceeds from Saturday's benefit will help pay for legal, consulting, repair, and purchasing fees for residents. The event runs 7 p.m. to midnight. The $10 tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Carmel Valley Video, Salt and Pepper Cafe, and the Running Iron. Raffles for spa packages, dinner certificates and plane rides are also on tap. Call (831) 659-5925 for more information.

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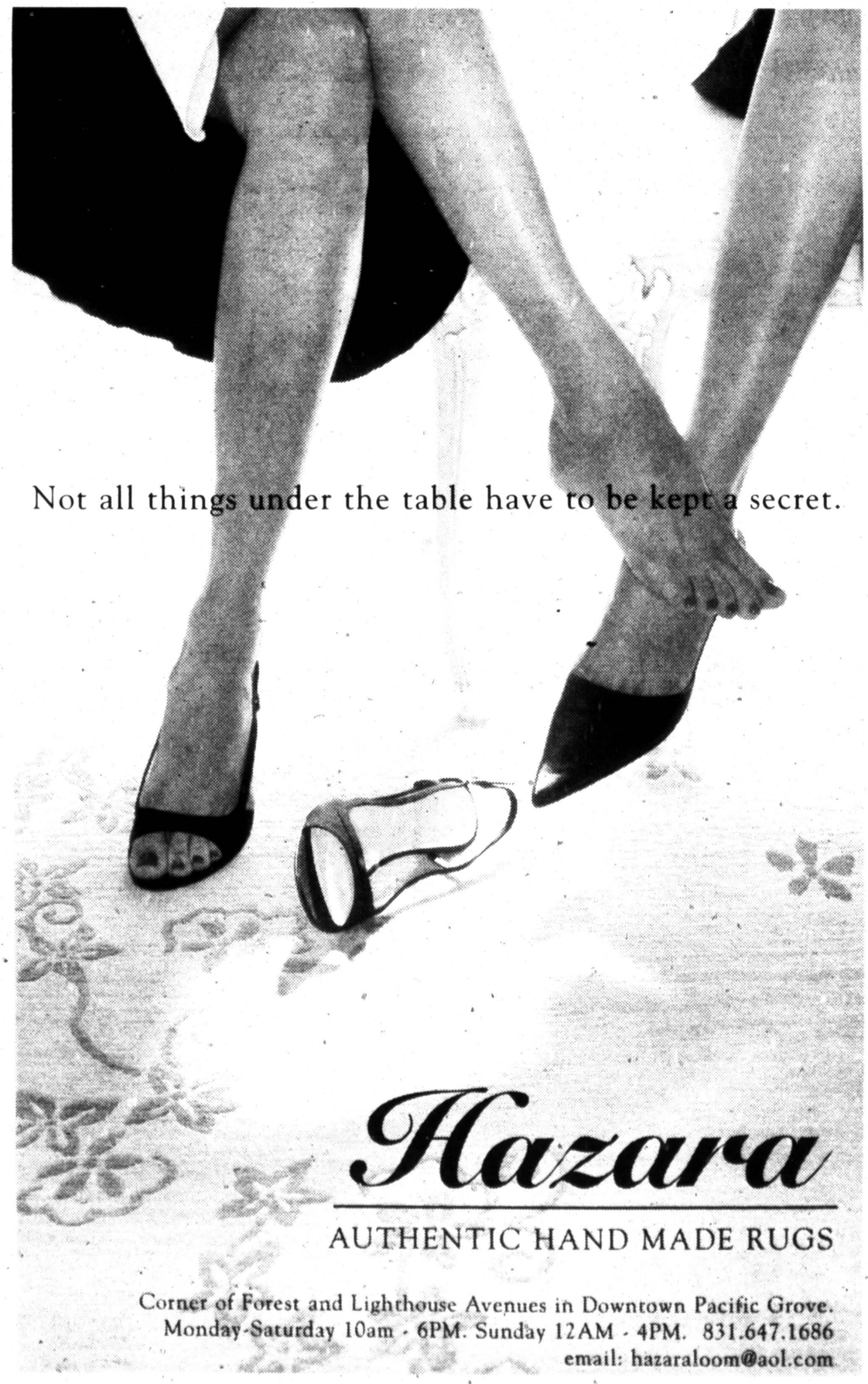
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# Carmel Valley

# Young scientists strut their stuff at county fair

By LAITH AGHA

HAVE YOU ever wondered how *Verticillium dahiae's* color severity affects the health of lettuce? Rachel Martinez did, and thanks to the Salinas High sophomore's curiosity, she is headed to the state science fair with 34 other Monterey County high school and middle school students.

Ilang Guiroy, a senior at York School, and Amber Hess, a senior at Robert Louis Stevenson School, are leading the charge as co-winners of the Monterey County Science Fair Grand Prize.

Guiroy, who plans to study cognitive science and economics at Wellesley College, said she "loves doing things never done before." Her behavioral sciences project, "Quantitative EEG as an Identifier of Learning Modality," examines students' preferred methods of learning and how they relate to traditional educational techniques.

"If you teach people in their preferred modality, they don't waste energy translating the information," explained Guiroy.

In addition to the state fair, Guiroy is headed to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair for a second straight year. She will be joined by Hess, who was just in Washington, D.C., for another Intel-sponsored event, the Intel Science Talent Search.

Competing against 1,500 high school students from across the nation, Guiroy came back with a $5,000 scholarship as a top-40 finalist. She will be able to put that money to good use next year, since she is choosing between Harvard, MIT and Stanford for undergraduate life.

Salinas High sophomore Zach Lute is also going out of state with his project. He received a request to enter the Stockholm Junior Water Prize contest, which focuses on projects concerning water and the environment. Lute's project, which earned him first place in the county's environmental engineering division, investigates how polyacrylamides affect water infiltration, flocculation and run-off of farming soil. He will head to Sweden in August.

The junior division does not have a grand prize, but Monterey County middle schoolers were well recognized for their projects. Twenty-one are headed to the state fair, and of those, 14 have been nominated for the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge, a national competition for students in grades five through eight.

According to Ginny Brown, coordinator of the county fair, students begin working on their projects in September or October because of the extensive research, data calculations, and written presentations necessary for a successful project.

To be successful, students have to impress a group of people already well versed in the various subjects.

More than 70 scientists from around Monterey County judged the competition. Physicists, chemists, marine biologists, food scientists and science professors are some of the professionals who thoroughly examined each project.

"The students have to be able to defend their projects to judges," said Brown. "Sometimes they have to answer to one judge at a time, but sometimes they'll have two or three judges asking them questions, so [the students] really have to be concise and know their projects in and out."

Thirty-five students knew their projects well enough and are now headed to the next round. The California State Science Fair will be May 24-26 at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

York, Colton Middle School and Santa Catalina Lower School are each sending five students to the state exposition, while Salinas High School and All Saints' Day School are each sending four.

For a complete list of winners and their projects, go to www.montereycountysciencefair.com.

## C.V.

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damages exceeding $25,000. The attorney described Blake's injuries as "horrendous."

"He had a collapsed lung, three broken ribs, a pinched nerve in his neck and abrasions on his head despite wearing a helmet," he said. "He's been hospitalized three times and he missed three months of work."

Blake was participating in a 100-mile ride that utilized Carmel Valley Road, Los Laureles Grade, Highway 68, River Road and a variety of back roads as they traveled through "Steinbeck Country." The event also featured 20, 40 and 60-mile rides which simply used Carmel Valley Road.

Weiner said Blake's injuries were the result of poor road conditions.

"To put it mildly, the road was in horrendous condition," he said. The lawsuit alleges the fall was due to a "road which was incorrectly paved, and negligently repaired and maintained" as well as "uneven, broken and cracked."

Although Blake signed a waiver releasing the conservancy and Monterey County from liability in the event of such an accident, Weiner said he doesn't believe the waiver will hold up in court because it didn't disclose the conditions of the road.

"They put on the ride," he said. "They knew the route. Someone should have done some research. It is beyond me why they used this road."

West said he knows the road well. The accident occurred on a particularly treacherous section of San Benancio Road, he said.

"It is by far the worst spot on the road," said West, who described the rough stretch of asphalt as "a steep downhill, two sharp turns, a dip, and another sharp turn."

He said all riders were informed verbally and in writing about the hazards of this particular section of the road. Signs were also posted.

West said there will be no Steinbeck Watershed Century this year. He said Blake's injury certainly played a part in the decision, but the biggest factor in the ride's demise was ultimately its success.

"We just don't have enough volunteers to do it," he said of the event, which also included catered food. "Two years ago we had 350 participants and last year we had 600 participants. We had rave reviews. The ride was going to grow as much as we wanted it to."

# Woman sues city for sidewalk fall

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A LOS Angeles woman who tripped and fell while walking downtown last summer filed a personal injury lawsuit in Monterey County Superior Court March 7, seeking compensation from Carmel-by-the-Sea and Carmel Marina Corp.

Lynne Dewey caught her foot on a strip of raised brick separating the tree planter from the sidewalk on the south side of Ocean Avenue west of Mission Street around 12:30 p.m. Aug. 1, 2004. According to its report at the time, Carmel Fire Department dispatched an engine and the ambulance to the scene, where medics treated injuries to Dewey's nose and forehead and took her to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

*The fall wasn't her fault because of 'various factors such as pedestrian traffic flow, limited viewing, debris, shadowing and other issues of conspicuity.'*

City personnel specialist Jane Miller said the public works department also fixed the hazardous brick strip after receiving report of the fall.

Three weeks later, Dewey filed a claim against the city for damages of more than $125,000 for pain, suffering and medical expenses.

As it customarily does with such demands, the city council voted Sept. 7, 2004, to deny it and forward the matter to St. Paul Travelers insurance company, which holds all of the city's liability policies, Miller said.

Coming in just under the six-month time limit, Dewey filed her personal injury lawsuit March 7, and Miller said it was served on city hall the following Monday.

Alleging negligence and a "dangerous condition of public property," the suit claims the city and the waste management company "were responsible for either the quality of a certain portion of sidewalk where the accident took place or were responsible for the collection and removal of waste products from city trash cans located within the immediate location of plaintiff's fall."

She blamed Carmel Marina Corp. for not telling the city of the "potential hazard" — the two-inch-high brick strip — near the trash can.

But the suit also alleges the defendants "had actual notice of the existence of this dangerous condition and had been made aware earlier that this particular area was in need of attention," and therefore had ample time to fix it before Dewey's accident.

The fall wasn't her fault because of "various factors such as pedestrian traffic flow, limited viewing, debris, shadowing and other issues of conspicuity."

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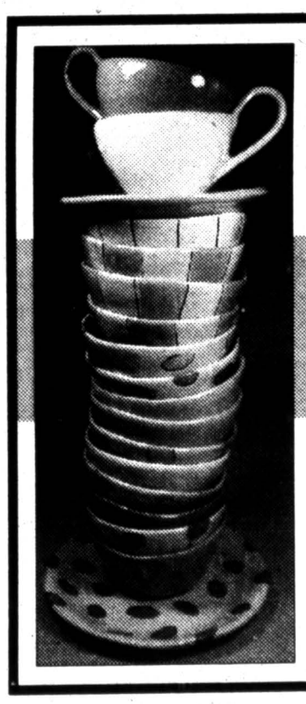
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# From an acorn in a milk carton to a stately oak

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL RIVER School second graders got dirt under their fingernails March 3 as they worked alongside teachers and residents to plant 50 coast live oak seedlings the kids sprouted from acorns last fall.

"It was great to see these little 7 and 8 year olds working with these retired folks, their little hands working alongside these old ones," said Laurie Fannin, who oversees River School's outdoor education/garden program.

*'It was just beautiful all the way around, and it's what our garden program is really striving to do: to work with the community and give back to the community.'*

**— Laurie Fannin**

Planted on school grounds along 16th Avenue and Monte Verde, the seedlings represent one-sixth of those cultivated by students with the help of Friends of Carmel Forest's Grow Your Own Oak program. Several forest friends, including Clayton and Linda Anderson, Gene McFarland and former city forester Greg d'Ambrosio, helped the children plant the seedlings.

"It was just beautiful all the way around, and it's what our garden program is really striving to do: to work with the community and give back to the community," Fannin said.

To that end, many of the other 250 oak seedlings found new homes during the Friends of Carmel Forest's tree giveaway last month, and students also donated 100 baby oaks for planting in the native habitat project at the middle school.

Under Fannin's leadership, the River School garden program has grown to include seasonal biweekly farmers markets during which students sell not only the produce they've grown, but salsa, pizza, flavored sugars and other goods made with their garden's fruits, vegetables and herbs.

The garden project also received a $4,000 grant from Yellow Brick Road to build a greenhouse, but that effort will take a little longer as the district must develop design plans and walk it through the decision-making process.

Students spent their winter months incorporating lessons from the garden into the sciences, language arts and other subjects.

"That has been our focus primarily in the wintertime, and come spring, it's right back into the garden," Fannin said, adding that new planting recently began. "We do everything from seed — starting a new cycle — and that way the kids can see the process all the way through."

PHOTO/COURTESY LAURIE FANNIN

Carmel River School second graders Daniel Massoudi (left) and Nicolas Lipari worked with Friends of Carmel Forest member Howard Skidmore to plant oak seedlings at the school March 3. Four months ago, the forest group helped teach the kids how to gather, plant and sprout acorns, and nurture baby oaks.

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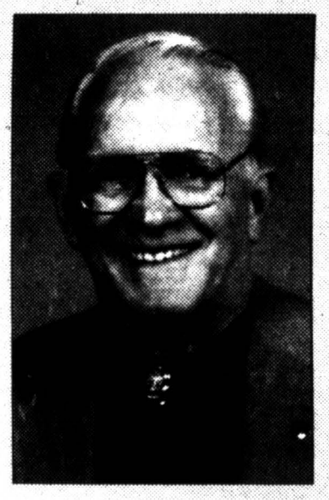

CARMEL - Egon C. Durr, a resident of the Monterey Peninsula for 58 years and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died March 9, 2005 after a courageous fight with heart failure. Egon was an active leader in Masonic and Eastern Star activities and in his retirement community almost until the end of a remarkable life story that started in Ulm, Germany, 92 years ago. He emigrated to New York in 1921 and left school at 14 to help support his family, eventually becoming a master mechanic and operator of his own trucking business by his mid-20's.

Egon arrived in California in 1946 with his first wife Thelma and their daughter Sallyanne, living and working first in Pacific Grove and then in Monterey, where he founded Durr's Wheel Aligning & Brake Service. Following Thelma's death in 1958, Egon and his second wife Pauline moved to Rancho Rio Vista, where he served four years as President of the Property Owners Association. He was a Master of Carmel Lodge #680 F&AM and served ten times as Worthy Patron of Carmel Chapter #581, Order of the Eastern Star. In 2001-3 he served as Grand Representative of Idaho in California.

Egon and Pauline moved in 1978 to Hacienda Carmel, where he served on the Board of Directors from 1979 to 1985 and as President of the Board for three terms. He was known for his quiet leadership and ability to clarify complex problems as well as for his mechanical skills, which he once used to repair a generator after a storm. He loved to sing and became a stalwart tenor for the Carmelaires chorus. Following Pauline's passing in 1992, Egon married the former Doris Silver, also a Hacienda resident and talented singer and actor. With Doris as his inspiration and companion, Egon continued to bring zest for life, concern for others, and good humor to their family and community until the end of his life.

In addition to Doris, Egon is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Sallyanne and Jack Wilson of Larkspur; their children Jonathan Wilson of Woodstock, Vermont, and Amy Wilson of Portland, Oregon; Pauline's granddaughters Dr. Cheryl Branson of Los Altos and Cindy Lamparter of Woodland; Doris's daughter Leslie Snorf of Carmel and son Henry Silver of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and six great-grandchildren: Peter, Oliver, and Adeline Wilson, Dahlia and Nora Maroney, and Helen Branson.

A memorial service and celebration of Egon's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations to the Carmel Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund, which Egon initiated to assist Carmel High School graduates, to the Carmel Foundation, or to a favorite charity.

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# When there's no room at the ER

By MARY BROWNFIELD

"CHOMP IS code red," the county communications dispatcher says over the scanner. "Repeat, CHOMP is code red."

It sounds ominous enough, but "code red" is county hospitals' way of declaring themselves too full to handle more patients arriving via ambulance. When a hospital is "code green," everything is operating normally.

The Monterey County Emergency Medical Services Agency's ambulance diversion policy seeks to make sure critical patients get the care they need when emergency rooms are crowded by sending ambulances carrying less urgent cases to another hospital — usually Salinas Valley Memorial or the county-run Natividad Medical Center.

*'If it's a gunshot wound or another life-threatening injury, [hospitals] have to take them. You don't divert, because the time could kill somebody.'*

**— David Jedinak**

The policy aims "to ensure that, in the absence of decisive factors to the contrary, emergency patients are transported to the most accessible emergency medical facility equipped, staffed and prepared to administer care appropriate to their needs."

"If it's a gunshot wound or another life-threatening injury, [hospitals] have to take them," Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance paramedic David Jedinak summarized. In those cases, "you don't divert, because the time could kill somebody."

When a hospital goes code red — defined as "closed to ambulance traffic except for patients with medical problems that are uncontrollable in the field"

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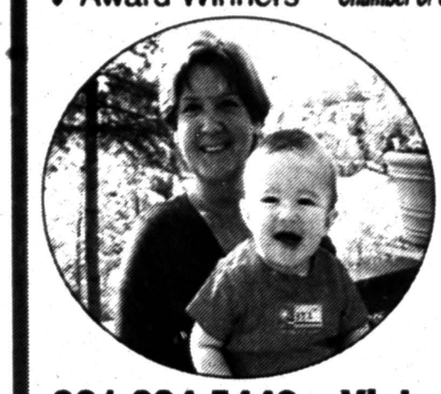

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# Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

MOLLY GERRITSEN, 12 on March 2, was celebrating her birthday at Carmel Beach in her stroller when we encountered her on the walking path Wednesday afternoon.

Last year, Molly, a black cocker spaniel with a white blaze, jumped down from the picnic table at her Carmel Valley home, and oops, missed the bench before hitting the ground. She ruptured two discs in her back which necessitated an operation in June.

Molly is taken for a beach outing as often as possible by Mom Liz, who pushes her in a stroller to Carmel Point, where she is lifted out to do her physical therapy on the beach.

At home, Molly no longer gets up on the furniture because of her back, but enjoys the company of Olive, her 13-year-old outdoor cat sister, Sara the goat and lots of chickens. She recently lost her younger brother, Charlie, a Rottweiler with a sweet temperament, who passed away the last week of February just before his 9th birthday.

Also at home, Molly has the company of Mom Liz, Dad Hans, and Sis Marieke, a student at Monterey Peninsula College. With all these folks and siblings on the one-and-a-half acre spread, Molly is not lacking for company.

In quiet moments, she plays with her koala bear toy that laughs, and a baby hedgehog chew toy that squeaks. At bedtime she goes to sleep in her own wicker basket in Mom and Dad's room, feeling protected and loved.

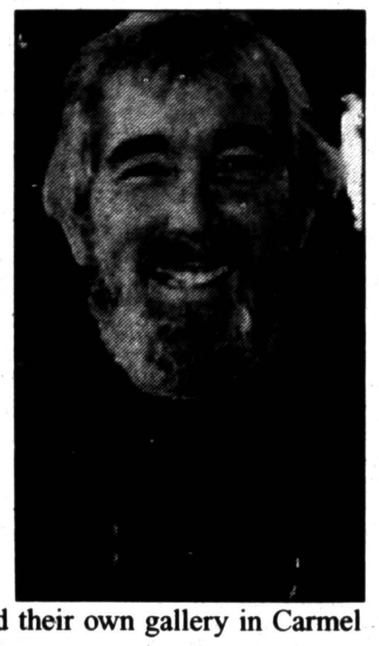
# MILESTONES

**A Celebration of life** is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, for **TED LEDBETTER**, 67, longtime Carmelite who died March 5; surrounded by his wife of 45 years and their children. All are invited to the memorial, which will begin at 2 p.m. on Carmel Beach. Look for the assembly on Scenic between 13th Avenue and Santa Lucia.

Mr. Ledbetter was born in San Diego to Marguerite and Tilbert ("Led") Ledbetter. After his father died when Ted was 8, he moved to Carmel with his mother and brother. He attended Sunset School and graduated from Carmel High, class of 1955.

Mr. Ledbetter's journey as an artist began at a very early age. He loved doing cartoons in pencil and ink, and later created realistic still lifes using charcoal and oils. He was a fine arts major, receiving his training at Monterey Peninsula College and San Francisco State University. It was in college that he had his first experience behind a camera. He had finally found the medium which intrigued him on all levels — taking the picture and then bringing the negative alive on paper.

He married his wife, Emy, in 1960. His love for photography was furthered in the mid-1960s while working for a golf course designer, and bloomed when his daughter and son were born. He read extensively about photography and continued his studies in workshops conducted by Steve Crouch, Morley Baer and Ansel Adams. He also worked as a technical illustrator for many years.



In 1990 he was the cultural arts program coordinator for the City of Seaside. From 1995 to 1997 he was a board member and vice president of the Pacific Grove Art Center. Ted and Emy served as directors of the Artist Studio Tour for Monterey County in 1991, 1992, 1994 and 1997. They also owned and operated their own gallery in Carmel from 1990 to 1997.

He enjoyed working for about five years for a local school district transporting children with special needs to class.

Although diagnosed with colon cancer in 1998, he was determined to continue to enjoy life through the love and light that surrounded him.

Mr. Ledbetter is survived by his wife, Emy; daughter Kaja Fortune; son Bret; two grandchildren; his brother, Richard; and many other family and friends.

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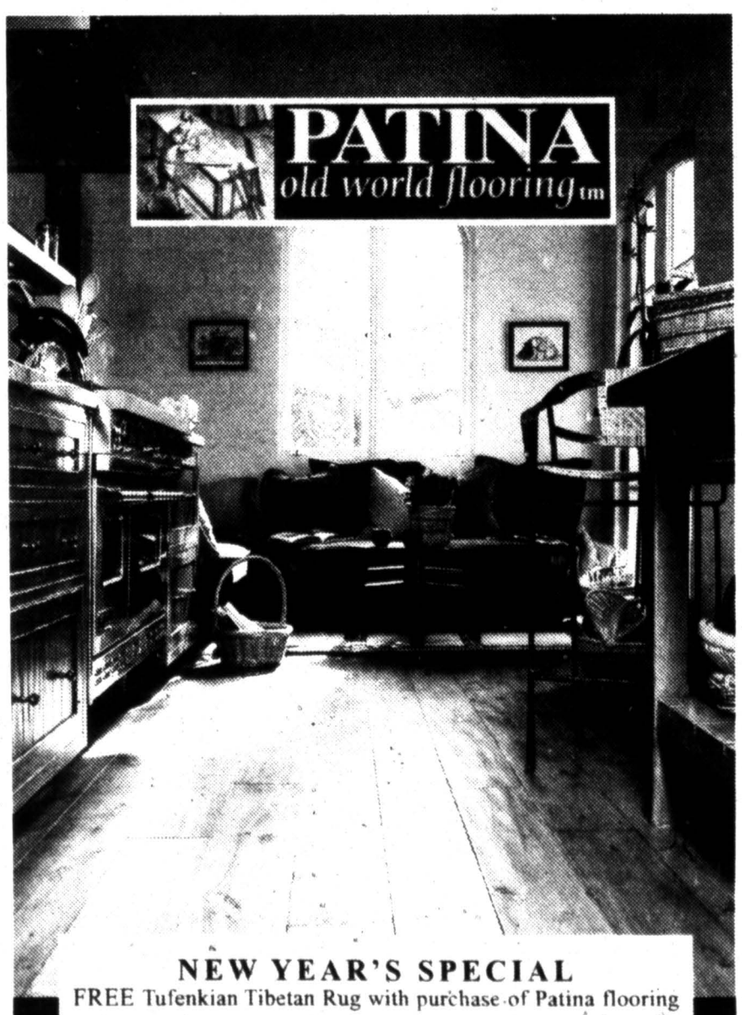


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# P.G. Council backs off plan to reconsider library expansion

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER A lively two-hour debate, the Pacific Grove City Council voted 6-1 March 16 not to delay plans to expand the library across the street into Jewell Park, which was a relief to the people who have raised money and worked on plans for the project for more than a decade.

"We were under the impression we had been given the green light," pleaded expansion proponent Pam Cain before the vote. "If we have to stop now, it could be the end of the project."

Newly elected city council members had suggested forming a committee to study alternatives to the plan.

Since October 2001, a group of volunteers, the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library, has sought funding for a single-story library community room. The community effort to raise money for a bigger library goes back decades. In November 2003 the city council voted 7-0 to proceed with a plan to eliminate the single block of Grand Avenue that runs between the library and Jewell Park. A month later, volunteers announced they had raised $835,000 of an estimated $1.5 million needed to complete the project. More than $100,000 has been spent on design and traffic studies so far.

*'The view down Grand Avenue is very attractive if you're looking in your rear view mirror.'*
**— P.G. Mayor Jim Costello**

Councilwoman Susan Goldbeck, the lone dissenting vote, urged city council members to form the committee, which would have studied the feasibility of adding a second floor to the library instead of expanding on the ground.

"There are ways to do this faster, better and cheaper," argued Goldbeck, who voted to proceed with the original plan in November 2003. "This is serious loss of parkland and open space. I urge we look at this carefully. We need to look at all alternatives and see what's best for our town."

Goldbeck warned that closing Grand Avenue would rob residents of a valuable view of the ocean. Mayor Jim Costello disagreed.

"The view down Grand Avenue is very attractive if you're looking in your rear view mirror," Costello said.

City councilman Ron Schenk opposed the idea of expanding upward. "There is no way we can possibly put a second story on and keep the library open," Schenk said. "Would we have to lay off our staff" during construction?

Noreen Nance, president of the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library, said she was concerned a delay or change in the project would scare off potential donors.

"The Friends are aware the community room won't be built without sufficient funds," she said, adding that if the city council supports the original plan, "we have no doubt the balance will be accomplished in a timely manner."

Nance also reminded the city council that the money raised for the project is diminished by every delay "because construction costs have doubled since 2003."

Dan Cort, new city councilman and restoration developer specializing in "adaptive reuse" of historic buildings, changed his mind about forming the committee.

"Two months ago when the library expansion plan came before us, we were concerned we were looking at a large project we wouldn't be able to afford," Cort explained. After reviewing the project, he now believes "it is time to move forward. [The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library] want momentum — let's give them momentum."

Community development director John Biggs said the planning commission is tentatively scheduled to review the project on May 18.

The Pacific Grove Public Library was first established in 1886 and moved to its present location on Central Avenue in 1905.

## *CITY DROPS PARKING EXPERIMENT*

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL BUSINESS owners who said the city's parking experiment was driving their customers away have apparently been heard. Last week, city officials decided to re-impose 90-minute parking limits on some downtown blocks they had temporarily designated for all-day parking, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Mike Calhoun.

Bags covering the 90-minute limit signs were removed Wednesday, and Calhoun said enforcement of the time restriction has resumed.

Last month, the owners of restaurants, shops and service businesses along Junipero Street between Ocean and Fifth avenues, as well as at the south side of town near Eighth Avenue, wrote letters pleading for the city to abandon the parking experiment conceived by city council members Mike Cunningham and Paula Hazdovac and police chief George Rawson, and approved by the Carmel Traffic Safety Commission.

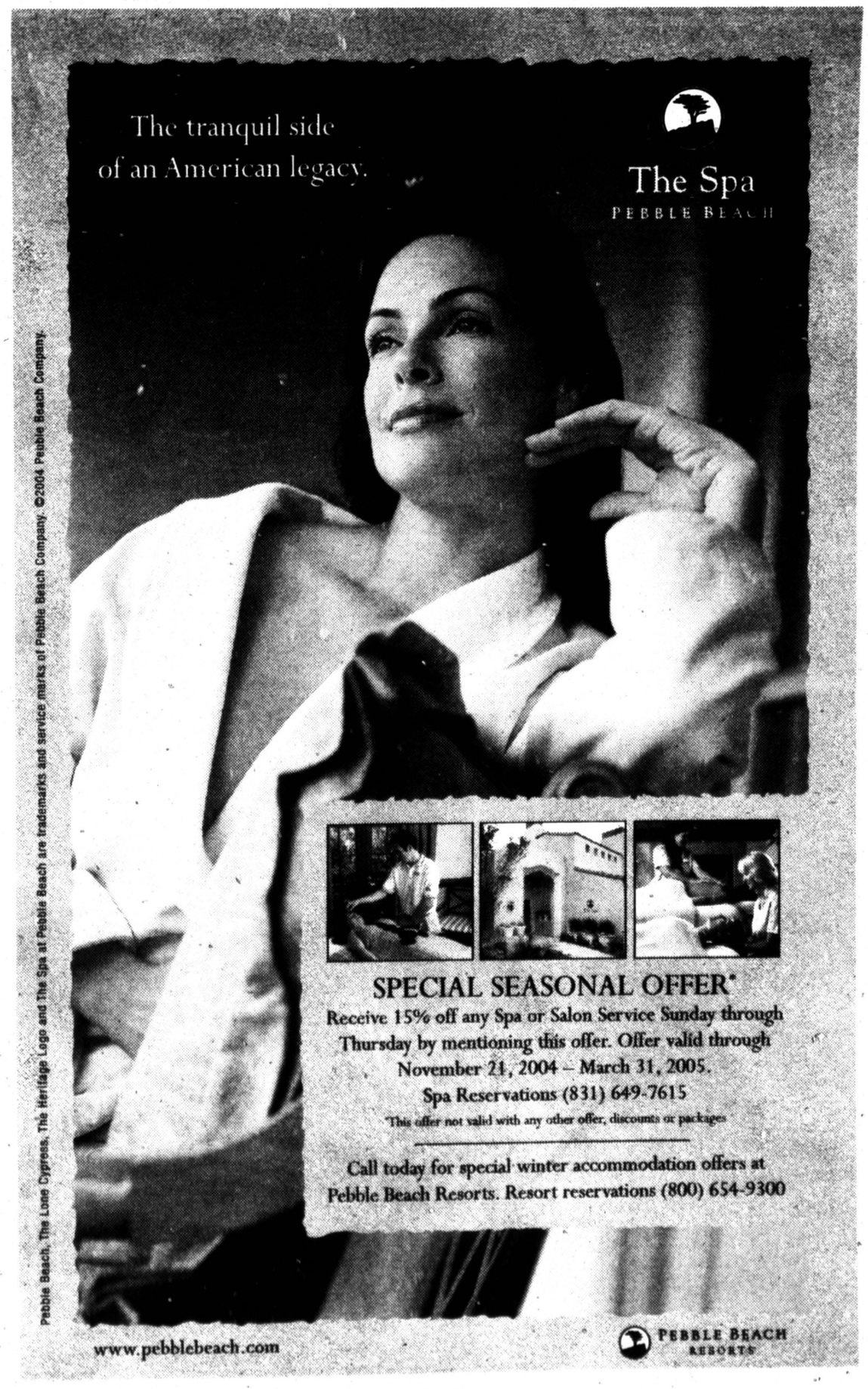
The plan was to entice workers to leave their cars in new all-day spots on the edge of the business district rather than occupy precious spaces downtown that could be used by shoppers. Bags were thrown over signs at timed parking spaces on parts of Fourth, Sixth and Eighth avenues, and segments of Junipero in December.

But after hearing the woes of business owners in some those areas, Calhoun met with Hazdovac, Cunningham, city administrator Rich Guillen and traffic commission member Tom Conmy. They decided to scrap the experiment.

"The traffic commission will readdress the parking issue," Calhoun said.

Scott Hanifan, operations director of the Forge in the Forest at Junipero and Fifth, expressed relief Thursday that the 90-minute parking limits are back in effect. Earlier, he had told the city his business was down 17 percent during the first two months of having all-day parking on Junipero.

"When I got the phone call saying they're taking the bags off right now, a weight lifted," he said. "We were concerned they were going to follow through with the nine-month [experimentation] period right through the summer, and it would have killed us."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## Library seeks to bulk up volunteer ranks

By MARY BROWNFIELD

TO OFFSET some of the strain caused by losing 40 percent of its staff and cutting back a quarter of its hours due to last summer's layoffs, Harrison Memorial Library is recruiting a fresh group of volunteers.

Their arrival won't mean the library will have longer hours or reopen on Sundays, but patrons will have access to more books more quickly; their young children will be better entertained, and more homebound readers will receive more visits.

"We've always had a cadre of wonderful volunteers and want to expand that," library director Margaret Pelikan said. "Our goal is to be able to find volunteers to help support existing services, not create new services." Deciding to make a big push for new helpers, library staff and the board developed an application and screening process, and wrote six job descriptions:

■ Shelvers help put returned books, videos, CDs and other media back where patrons will be able to find them. A lack of shelvers has meant books left on carts or in crates, making them harder to find.

■ Book processors handle the 6,000 new materials the library takes in each year, unpacking them, stamping them, assigning them bar codes and readying them for the shelves. "That's a fun one, because you get to see the books that are coming in," Pelikan said.

■ In the Local History Department, volunteers sort and catalog archival materials relating to the colorful past of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the Monterey Peninsula.

■ Outreach volunteers keep homebound readers reading — and give them some company. "You're not only taking them books," Pelikan said.

■ Storytime at the children's library can be overwhelming for two workers trying to entertain two dozen 2-to-4 year olds. Craft volunteers help keep the youngsters busy — providing much-needed adult time for tapped-out stay-at-home parents — by setting up simple crafts that will become refrigerator art.

*'We need people to cut out bunnies, assemble glue sticks . . . I'm not making this up.'*
**— Margaret Pelikan**

"It's a big part of the learning component, and we need people to cut out bunnies, assemble glue sticks ... I'm not making this up," Pelikan said.

■ High school students can earn community service credits by volunteering at the library, where they will be assigned special projects and assist with the children's reading programs.

Pelikan said a volunteer may move between tasks as desired but must commit to at least six months of two-to-three hours of work a week.

"We need six months to train you. Then after that, we are somewhat flexible," she said. "Of course, we hope people can continue volunteering after the first six months."

She described the ideal volunteer as someone who enjoys working with others, has good communication skills and is accurate, detail oriented, reliable and punctual.

Applications are available at the front desks of the main branch on Ocean Avenue and the park branch at Sixth and Mission, as well as online at www.hm-lib.org by clicking on "Volunteer at the library" for a downloadable PDF file.

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By LAITH AGHA

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Wild Things is offering "Springtime Safari," a five-day camp for children in March.

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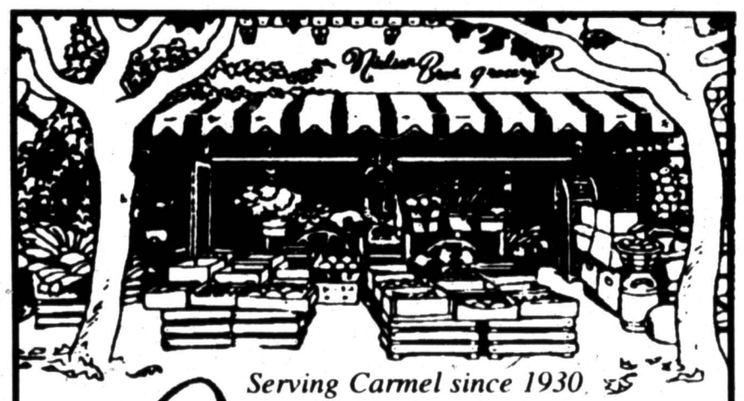

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# GUIDE DOG

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said. "And I had that feeling the first time I walked with a dog."

**Man meets dog**

While attending the Orientation Center for the Blind in Albany last fall, Redmon applied to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Breeding and raising dogs from its own purebred stock, Guide Dogs uses German shepherds, Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers and Lab/golden crosses "specially selected for excellent temperament, intelligence and health."

The 63-year-old organization depends on a large network of volunteers to help at its campuses as well as host, raise and train the puppies until they are ready to work.

In 2002, 342 person/dog teams graduated from the program, which served its 10,000th client that year.

Guide Dogs for the Blind ensures graduates that once they have a seeing-eye dog, they will never have to go back to walking with a cane.

A few months after Redmon submitted his application, the nonprofit sent a specialist to visit his home and observe him as he walked through town. At one point, she placed the handle of a dog harness in his hand, while she held onto the other end and walked in front of him.

*'You just kind of hold on.'*

**— George Redmon**

"She wants to see if you're going to follow the dog," he explained.

She decided he would, and later that month Guide Dogs accepted Redmon's application, enabling him to have his dog in time for spring semester at Monterey Peninsula College, where he is studying to be a counselor.

He left in January for a 28-day training at the group's other campus in Boring, Ore. After spending a few days on campus practicing and learning sans canine, each student finally met his or her sighted companion.

"You're sitting on a couch in this room, and then a door opens and the dog comes running in and goes straight to you," Redmon remembered. Whether truly drawn to his future owner or simply wanting to get away from his trainer, Ashford immediately took to Redmon.

Instructors, students and dogs ventured into the nearby town of Gresham and later into the larger city of Portland.

"You're doing all kinds of things — like getting on the bus and on the tram — and it's really interesting how well these dogs just bond to you and know what they're supposed to do," Redmon said. "You just kind of hold on.

The month in training has little to do with new owners teaching their dogs anything.

"It's for the dog to teach you what it knows," he said. "Everyone kept telling me you build confidence with the dog, and then trust, but I always felt it was the other way around."

Guide dogs are trained to stop at every elevation change, to take care not to walk their blind owners into unsafe situations, and to keep a constant eye on their surroundings.

In addition to learning the necessary commands and cues, as well as behaviors such as taking the submissive role when confronted by another dog and never barking, they know when to disobey.

"If I want to go catty-corner across the street, the dog won't go," Redmon said. "He will refuse to walk off the curb or will push me in the right direction."

**Pesky tree planters**

Man and dog graduated together from the Oregon center Feb. 12 in a tear-jerking ceremony and returned home to Carmel the following day. Ashford immediately befriended the Redmons' wheaten terrier/chow mix, Tigger.

He also got to work learning the intricacies of the village.

"You know how the sidewalks can be," Redmon said. "They're even a challenge for people who are sighted and can walk pretty normally."

Ashford now knows to avoid taking Redmon into the open tree planters that appear on every sidewalk.

"He realizes that little cutout is going to be odd if I step into it, so he'll move over so I won't step into it, even if it means he's in the dirt," he said. "The dog won't walk the straightest path; he will walk the safest path."

In dog-friendly Carmel, where the towering Redmon is already a familiar sight, many people feel the irresistible urge to pet Ashford.

"I have to put him in a 'sit' or a 'down,' and then people can walk up and pet him or play around with him," he said. But even in repose, Ashford is ever aware and always at work, his brown eyes processing his surroundings as people come and go.

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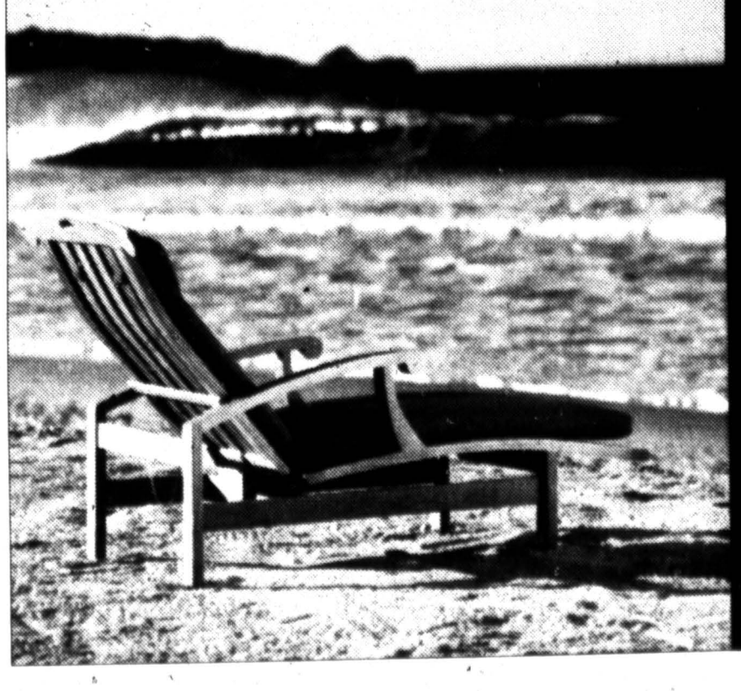

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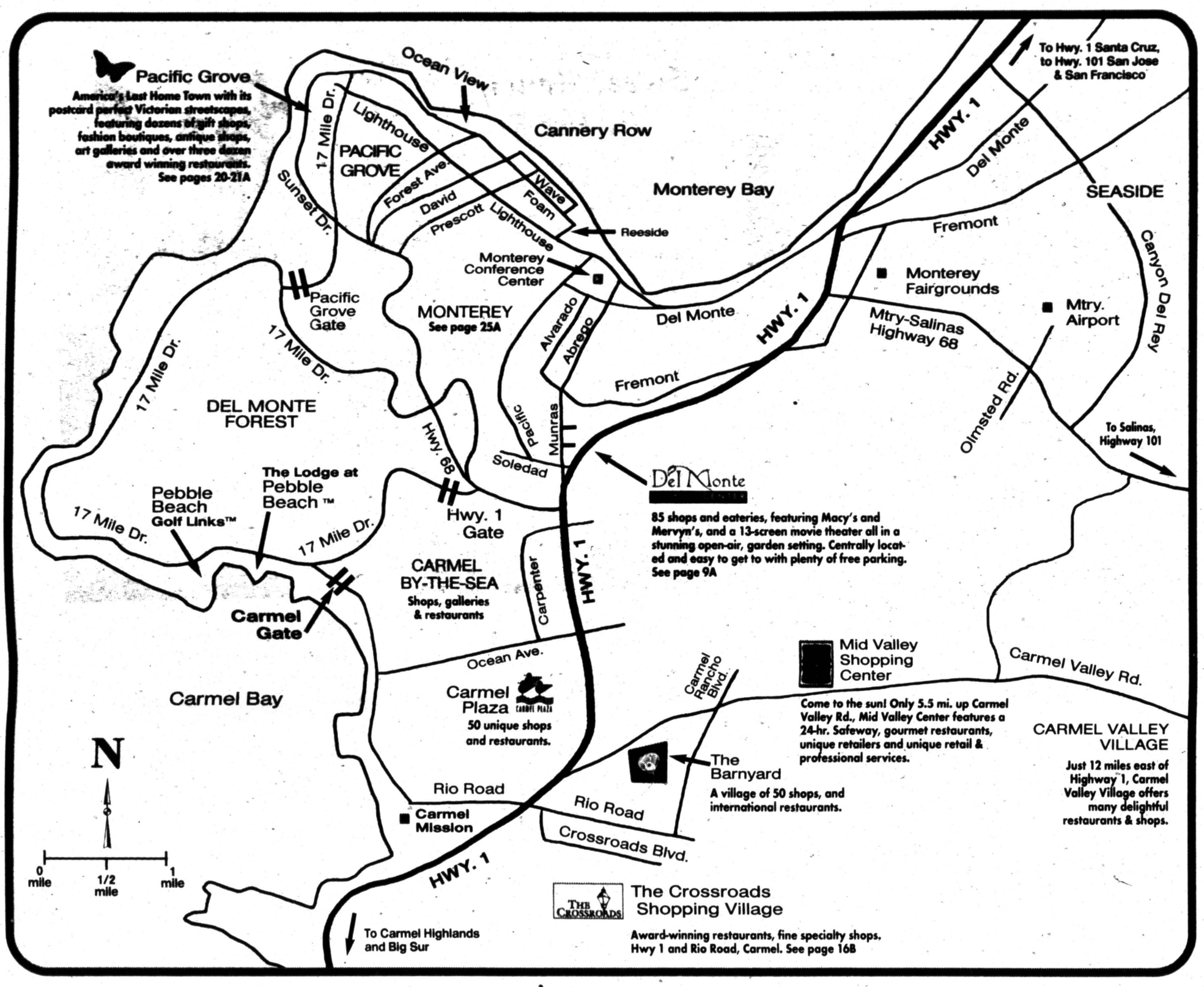


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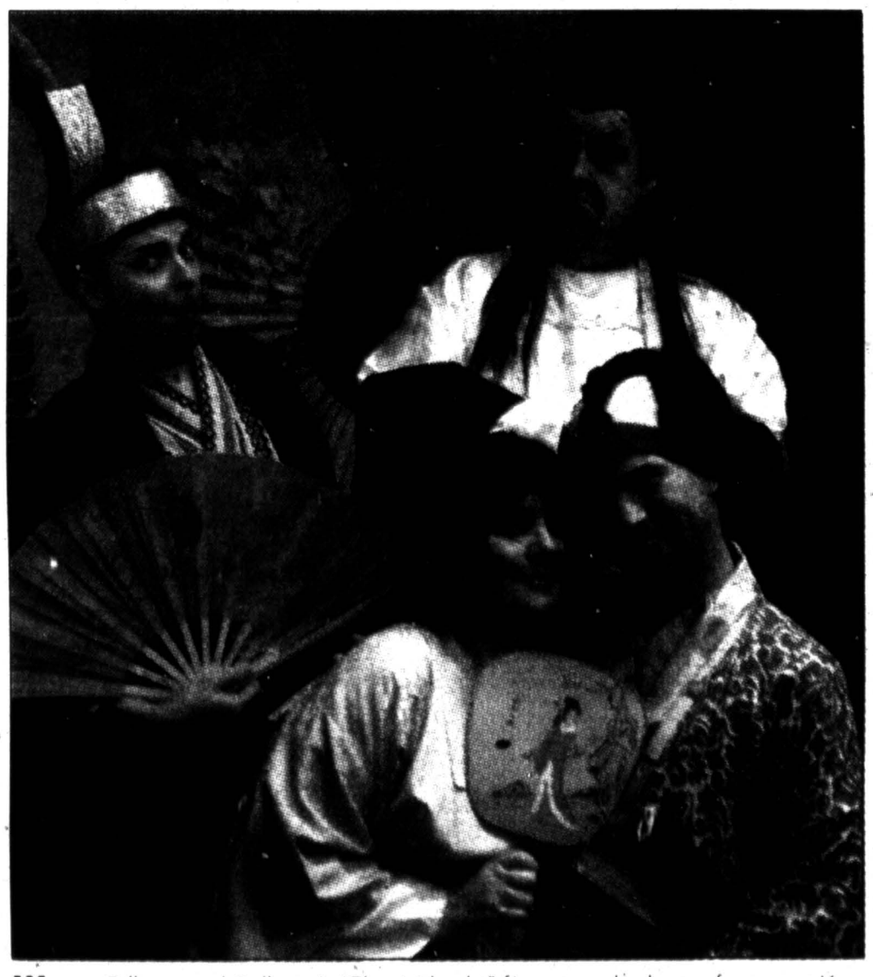
# 'MIKADO' IN MONTEREY



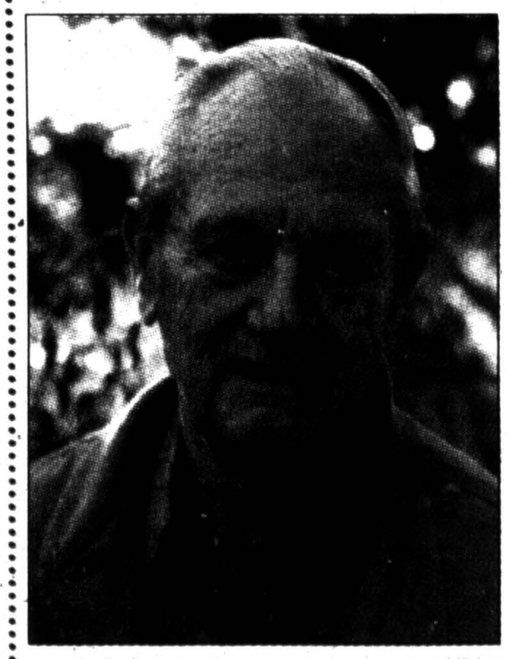
**WHAT:** Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" features, clockwise from top, Ken Cussons as The Mikado, Michael Maisonneuve as Pish Tush, Nancy Williams as Yum Yum and Troy Brunke as Ko-Ko.

**WHEN:** 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3:30 p.m. Sundays through May 8

**WHERE:** The Wharf Theater, Old Fisherman's Wharf No. 1, Monterey

**COST:** $20 for adults; children 12 and under $10

**INFO/RESERVATIONS:** (831) 649-2332 and or (831) 372-1373



## DISCOVER CARMEL'S EARLY NEIGHBORHOODS

**WHAT:** Longtime Carmelite John Logan (left) will speak on the history of Carmel's neighborhoods, including the town's "Tortilla Flats.". His talk is part of the Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series of Harrison Memorial Library.

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 21

**WHERE:** Carpenter Hall in Sunset Center, Mission at Ninth, Carmel.

**COST:** Free. No reservations taken. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

**INFO:** (831) 624-1615

## SOPRANO ANJA STRAUSS IN CONCERT

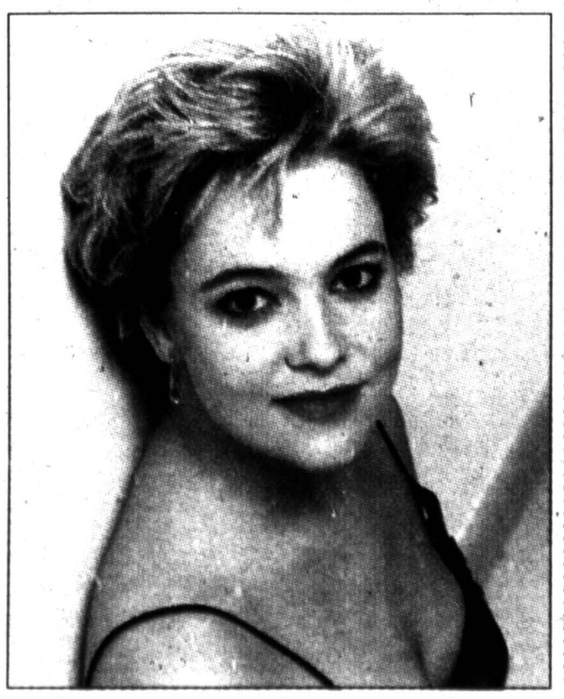
**WHAT:** The Mozart Society of California presents soprano Anja Strauss in concert, accompanied by Daniel Lockert

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 18

**WHERE:** Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea

**COST:** $27 for adults; $10 for students

**INFO/RESERVATIONS:** (831) 625-3637 or www.mozart-society.com



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TAYLOR P. Collins Nonet will appear at the next "Black-Hawk Live" concert, an ongoing series presented at the Jazz and Blues Company. For reservations for the March 26 concert, call (831) 624-6431.

**What:** A cappella vocal ensemble the swingle singers employ rhythm and improvisation in a diverse program, typically from Bach to Beatles, sometimes "The 1812 Overture."
**When:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 23
**Where:** Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea
**Cost:** $25, $35 and $45
**Info/Reservations:** (831) 620-2048 and www.sunsetcenter.org

**What:** K. Liu plays Song Liling and Michael Jacobs is Gallimard in the PacRep staging of "M. Butterfly"
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 18-19; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20
**Where:** Golden Bough Playhouse, Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea
**Cost:** $22 to $30 for adults; $15 to $25 for seniors/students and $6 for children under 12
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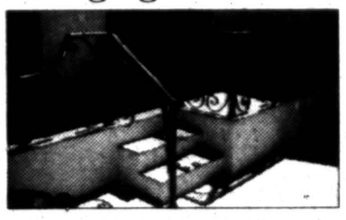

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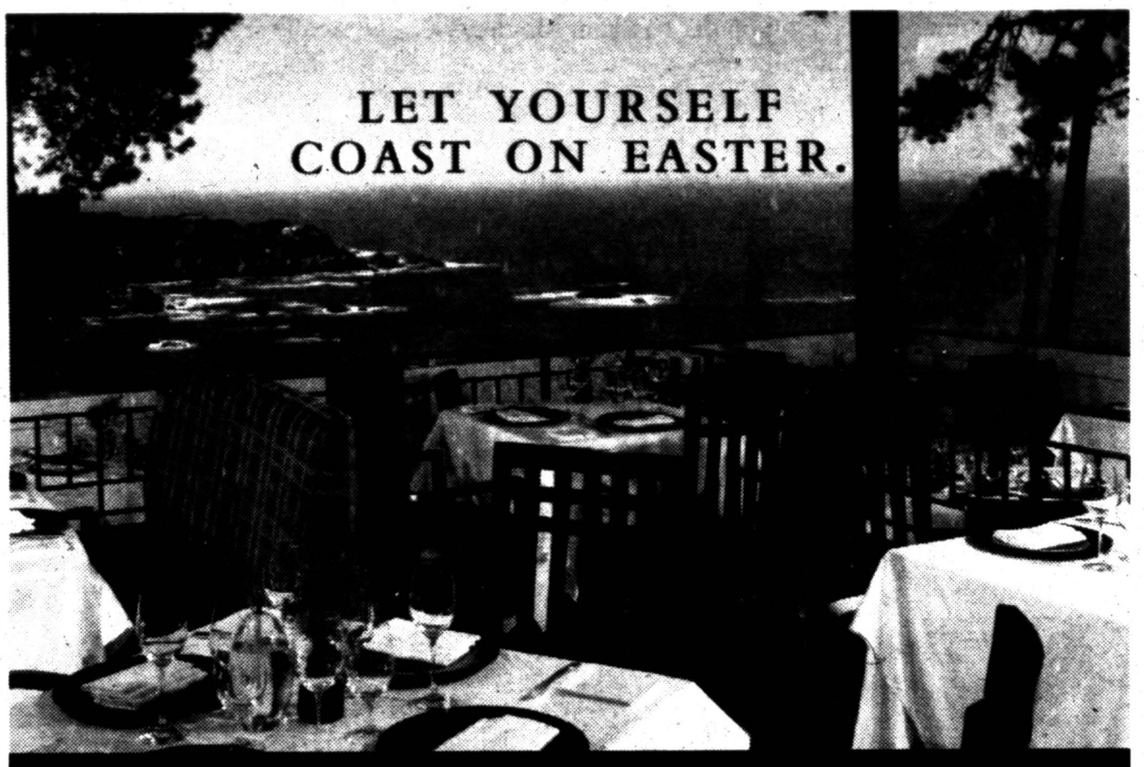
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Opening night for "Say It with Music" has sold out. Performances are slated for 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 and 5 p.m. Sundays, April 1 through May 1.

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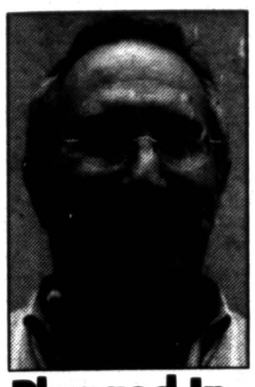

**Plugged In**

**By Stephen L. Vagnini**

**ARDEN EATON** started off spinning records for Pacific Grove public radio station KAZU in the early '90s, and her weekly show, "Arden's Garden," became a well listened to program that featured folk, blues and American roots music.

With the demise of KAZU (or rather, since the plug was pulled on all of its music programming), Arden found a slot at KPIG radio and recently found a new home for her show at Access Monterey Peninsula, the nonprofit organization dedicated to providing Peninsula residents the opportunity to air and produce non-commercial programming on television.

"Arden's Garden" is back on air and this Friday, March 18, will feature Salinas born and bred singer/songwriter **Larry Hosford**. A fixture on the Central Coast music scene since 1961, Hosford is best known for his clever and witty look at life and for his whimsical lyrics. Jump starting his career, Hosford began playing folk music on Cannery Row. His reputation grew as a countrified folk singer and he released two albums, "Aka Lorenzo" and "Crosswords," on Leon Russell's Shelter record label. Joining Hosford this Friday for his "Garden" appearance are former Snail guitarist **Ken Kraft** and harmonica ace **Johnny Troutner**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. No late arrivals are admitted. AMP is located at 2200 Garden Road in Monterey. E-mail muzicgirl@yahoo.com to make reservations.

The KRML Jazz and Blues Company in Carmel, best known as a music venue for its jazz concerts, takes a walk on the blues side next Saturday, March 26, with the booking of **Joe Stronger** and **Frank Krakowski** on guitar. For this special event, KRML and the Carmel Bistro are offering a concert dinner package beginning at 6 p.m. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. For reservations, call (831) 624-6431.

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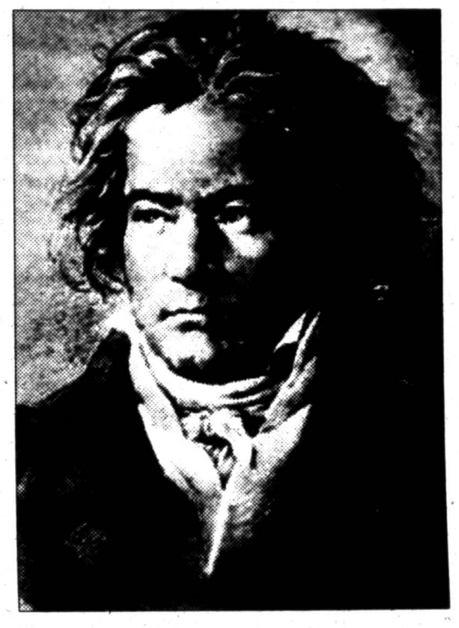

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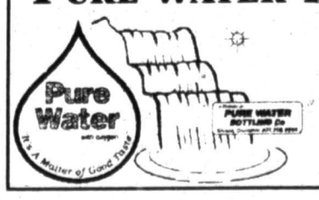
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"After extensive review of The Frankovich Group's litigation practices, the court believes it must exercise its inherent power to protect the judicial system and the public from [the firm's] abusive and predatory litigation practices," Rafeedie wrote.

Molski and Frankovich's famously outspoken attorney, Steven Yagman, responded with a fiery appeal to the 9th Circuit, asking the higher court to remove the "fetid stigma" Rafeedie placed on his clients, and accusing Refeedie of being "blatantly anti-Semitic" because he used the word "shyster" which, according to Yagman's motion, is derived from a character in "The Merchant of Venice," Shylock, whose name is an epithet for "Jew." He accused Rafeedie of behaving "disjointedly and bizarrely" on the bench during a hearing on Feb. 7. In his appeal, Yagman also noted that Molski "has accumulated and wishes immediately to file" a large number of new ADA suits if the appeals court will free him to do so.

**Harsh words**

During the Feb. 7 hearing, Yagman began his campaign against Rafeedie by calling the judge's actions "evil" to his face. After the hearing, he told reporters that Rafeedie's actions "make Hitler look like a humanitarian," amid other insults rarely directed toward any judge.

Rafeedie declined to respond directly to the attacks. But his March 8 ruling shows he undertook an even more in-depth analysis of Molski and Frankovich's handicapped accessibility suits to underpin his rulings, examining 223 such suits filed in 2004 and finding plenty of evidence that the suits are based on phony injuries.

"On May 20, 2003, Molski made nearly identical claims of injury at three separate businesses" where there were various alleged violations of the ADA, Rafeedie's latest ruling says. "The following day, May 21, 2003, Molski claims to have been injured at four separate businesses. The day after that, Molski again claims he was injured at four separate businesses. And the day after that, May 23, 2003, Molski claims he was injured at five separate businesses that were separated from one another by a total distance of more than 140 miles."

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And while some of Molski's alleged injuries could be real, the judge said, many purportedly occured under circumstances — such as simply observing a staircase or a lack of required signage or waiting for an accessible parking space — that could not cause any injury.

"Such claims 'appear to be contrived' for the purpose of triggering personal injury liability insurance coverage, Rafeedie concluded

He also accused the Frankovich firm of unethically advising hundreds of defendants to settle rather than hire their own defense attorneys, which "could cost you a significant amount of money that could be better spent on remedial action and settlement" of the lawsuit, according to a copy of a letter Rafeedie attached to his ruling, which Yagman says has been distributed by Rafeedie to the other federal judges in the Central District of California who have been assigned to Molski's cases. But only one "bit" on the issue and none has agreed with Rafeedie.

"After extensive briefing and argument, [Judge Cormac J. Carney] held that plaintiff is not a vexatious litigant," Yagman said.

But without the intervention of the appeals court, Molski cannot file a "plethora" of additional ADA suits he has waiting. Judge Rafeedie's "onerous requirements" are standing in the way, Yagman told the court.

The 9th Circuit has yet to respond to Yagman's appeal.

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## P.B. PLAN

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California Coastal Commission, said the P.B. Co. was "moving to protect the forest in the best possible way."

And Dave Potter, supervisor and current member of the coastal commission, also supported the P.B. proposal, while sounding a note of caution about its future prospects. "I am going to support it at the local level, but [when it gets to the coastal commission] I will advocate for better balancing for the pine forests."

*Potter said he would 'support the project at the local level,' but would call for 'better balancing for the pine forests' when it gets to the coastal commission*

His warnings were modest compared to a foreboding letter sent to supervisors Feb. 28 by coastal commission deputy director Charles Lester claiming that approval of the Pebble Beach development and open space plan by either the supervisors or the coastal commission would be against the law.

"Major components of the project cannot legally be approved," Lester wrote. And even with zoning changes approved by voters in November 2000, approval of the new golf course would be inconsistent with provisions of the Coastal Act requiring protection of wetlands and "environmentally sensitive habitat areas," according to Lester — a conclusion the commission has not reached.

Nevertheless, his letter was cited by numerous project opponents as perhaps the most important reason the P.B. plan should be rejected or delayed.

"The coastal commission has warned the county repeatedly not to approve this project," said Carol McCarthy, a Pacific Grove resident.

"It is imperative that you cooperate with the coastal commission and postpone any further consideration of this plan," said Janice O'Brien, who lives on 17 Mile Drive.

"You recently got a letter from the coastal commission saying, 'Don't approve this project because it violates the law,'" said David Dilworth, an activist who has campaigned against the P.B. plan for years and who submitted several hundred thousand words of written comments to the county objecting to its particulars.

Another activist, Pat Clark, played the guitar and sang for the supervisors, asking them to protect the pine forests of Pebble Beach. Gillian Taylor criticized the environmental impact report prepared for the P.B. proposals for "laying out a veneer of irrelevant and experimental mitigations done according to the wishes of the applicant." Ted Hunter accused the supervisors of routinely approving projects presented to them by "greedy developers," and said the quality of life of P.B. residents is "being destroyed." And Hillary Green argued the P.B. Co. could expand its golf course operations by buying an existing course instead of building a new one.

Their comments were countered by almost two dozen local residents who backed the P.B. plan during the three-hour hearing in Salinas.

Jack Kidder, president of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners association, told supervisors his group supported the plan because it capped development on company-owned land in the forest. Jeff Craig, a board member of the Del Monte Forest Foundation, cited the additional 400-plus acres of open space as a major benefit for the environment and the community. Former Carmel Mayor Ken White said the current plan guaranteed that "what the P.B. property will look like after we're all gone is pretty much what it looks like today." Alan Cohen, president of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, said the improvements at Spanish Bay and the relocation of the equestrian center near P.G. would help "improve the quality of life in our city." David Gavreau said the proposed plan was far better than that allowed by existing land use laws which would have permitted more than 1,000 new homes in Pebble Beach. And former Monterey City Attorney Bill Conners asked supervisors to give "great weight" to the will of the people expressed when they approved the broad outlines of the P.B. plan in a 2000 ballot initiative.

After the supervisors' unanimous vote, real estate developer Alan Williams, representing the P.B. Co., said its owners were seeking "an economic balance that will carry them into the future but also guarantee the community that the natural beauty they see now will also be there in the future."

As for the coastal commission staff's strident opposition to the plan, Williams said its opposition was an expected part of the process, but "we have a good project and a damn good EIR."

## SIDEWALK

*From page 7A*

Dewey suffered injuries to her "health, strength and activity," and her body and nervous system, all of which continue to cause "great mental, physical and nervous pain and suffering," according to the suit.

She also claimed the fall led to permanent disability.

The lawsuit asks the court to grant her financial compensation for general damages, past and future medical expenses, loss of income and earning capacity, incidental expenses and the cost of the suit.

Miller said the city is "pretty aggressive on trip and falls," and the insurance company will handle whatever legal battles ensue.

Carmel pays $285,000 annually in insurance premiums that cover all aspects of potential liability, including public safety, property damage and injuries on city property, according to Miller.

In 2004, police took 28 reports of falls on city property; three resulted in claims against the city and one led to a lawsuit.


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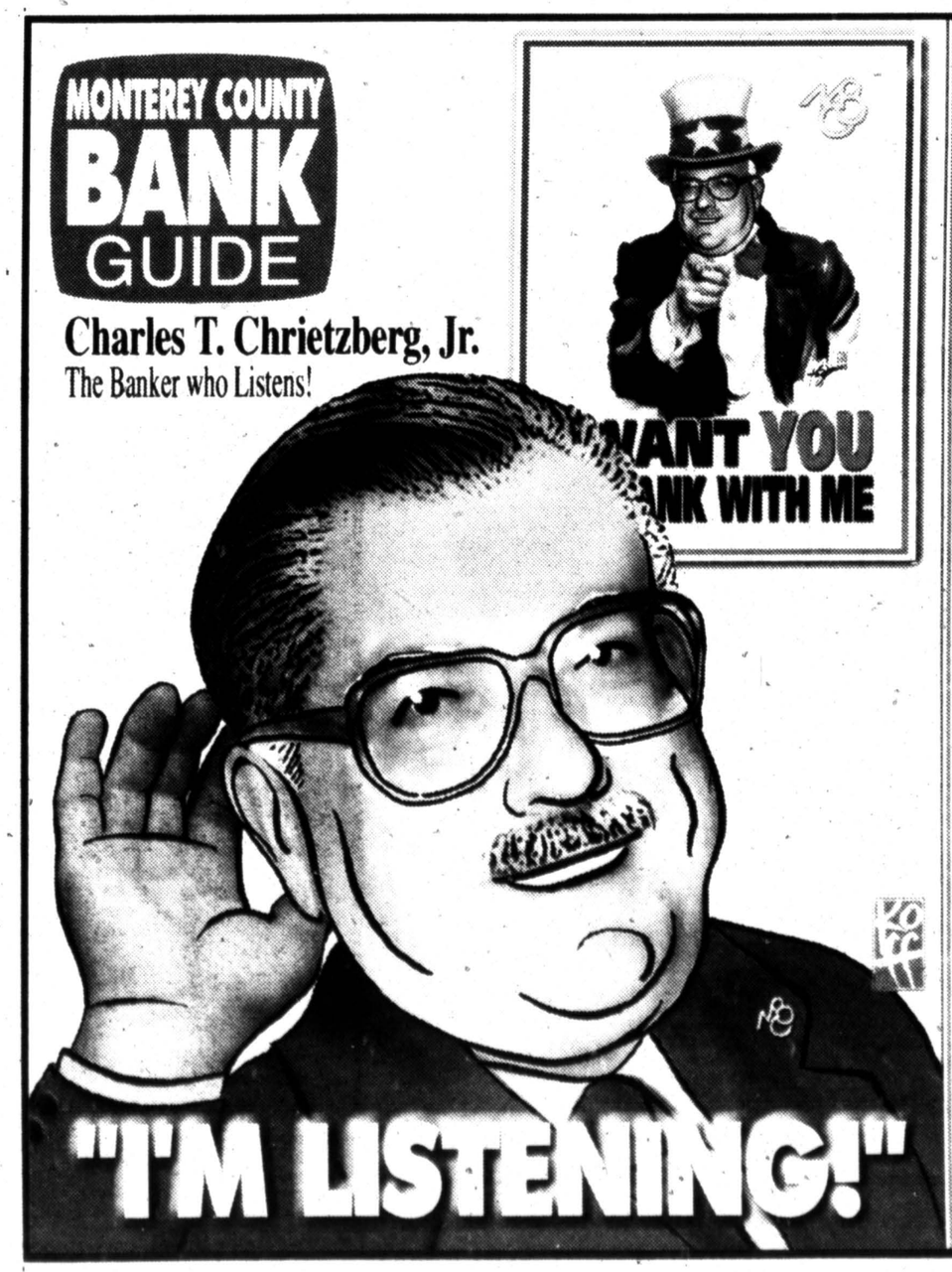


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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050378. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **IRENE'S HOUSE CLEANING SERVICE,** 347 Hillcrest Ave., Marina, CA 93933. IRENE CARDENAS, 357 Hillcrest Ave., Marina, CA 93933. BENJAMIN CARDENAS, 357 Hillcrest Ave., Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by co-partners. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (s) Irene Cardenos. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 2005. Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC224)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050236. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **OCEANSONG TEXTILES,** 24652 Pescadero Road, Carmel, CA 93923. NANCY H. TRISSEL, 24652 Pescadero Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2005. (s) Nancy H. Trissel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 2005. Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC225)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050390. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE,** 2100 Garden Road, Suite 10, Building B, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE CORP., 538 Broadhollow Road, Melville, NY 11747. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on has not begun business. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ Alan Horn, Executive Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/15/2005. NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 02/25/2005, 03/04/2005, 03/11/2005, 03/18/2005
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC226)

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**SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW**
CASE NUMBER: DR 42852
**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:**
**KIMBERLY S. RUELAS**
***You are being sued.***
**PETITIONER'S NAME IS:**
**JORGE RUELAS**

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

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***NOTICE:*** The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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**1200 Aguajito Road**
**Monterey, CA 93940**

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
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**Salinas, CA 93906**
**(831) 443-6509**
**Reg: #DA5**
**County: Monterey**

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Date: Jan. 14, 2005
(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
by I. Villanueva, Deputy
Publication Dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC 228)

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. M69574.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, CEIRA O. CARDENAS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name: ISSAC C. CEJA
Proposed name: ISSAC C. MEDINA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: March 11, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 8, 2005.

Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC230)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050400. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SILVER CLAY MONTEREY,** 734 Lottie Street, Monterey, CA 93940-2023. NANCY EADIE LARKIN, 734 Lottie Street, Monterey, CA 93940-2023. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (s) Nancy Eadie Larkin. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 16, 2005. Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC231)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050443. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **RANCHO GAVILAN,** 7 Via Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. RANCHO GAVILAN, 7 Via Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1992. (s) George Kindersen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 22, 2005. Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC232)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050393. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MONTEREY PASTA COMPANY,** 1528 Moffett Street, Salinas, CA 93905. MONTEREY GOURMET FOODS, INC., a Delaware corporation, 1528 Moffett Street, Salinas, CA 93905. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 11, 2004. (s) Scott Wheeler, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 15, 2005. Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2005. (PC234)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050423. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
**1. PURDY**
**2. BESTT LIEBEO**
**3. DUPLI-COLOR PRODUCTS,**
1121 Military Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955. THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, Ohio, 101 Prospect Avenue, NW Cleveland, OH 44115. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2005. (s) Louis E. Stellato, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 18, 2005. Publication dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005. (PC301)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050403. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
**1. BAY BIKES**
**2. BAY BIKES II**
**3. WHEEL FUN RENTALS AT BAY BIKES,**
585 Cannery Row #101, Monterey, CA 93940: BAY BIKES OF MONTEREY, INC., CA, 585 Cannery Row #101, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2005. (s) Devin Michael Meheen, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 16, 2005. Publication dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005. (PC302)

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. M73221.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, ROSA M. QUINTERO and ARTURO QUINTERO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name: JUAN ANDRES ACEVEDO CASTRO
Proposed name: ANDREW NEHEMIAH QUINTERO CASTRO.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: April 15, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 23, 2005.

Publication dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005. (PC303)

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**SUMMONS**
**CASE NUMBER: M 72261**
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:**
**FRANK STARK,**
**and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive**
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**
**BARBARA C. DOANE**

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

*Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que lé de un formulario de exenciòn de pago de cuotas.*

*Hay otros requisitos legales Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, pueda llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpia con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia. org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en cantacto còn la corte o el colegio de abagados locales.*

The name and address of the court is:
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**
**MONTEREY BRANCH**
**1200 AGUAJITO ROAD**
**MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93940**

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
**A DAVID PARNIE**
**LAW OFFICE OF A. DAVID PARNIE**
**2100 GARDEN ROAD, STE I**
**MONTEREY, CA 93940**
**(831) 649-4802**

Date: Nov. 9, 2004
(s) Lisa M Galdos, Clerk
by C. Williams, Deputy
Publication Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005. (PC 305)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050399. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE DEZIGN FACTORY,** 505 Lighthouse Ave. #202, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. CHERIE J. HEPBURN, 492 1/2 Larkin St., Monterey, CA 93940. CARMELLA ANDERSON, 492 1/2 Larkin St., Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 15, 2004. (s) Cherie J. Hepburn. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 16, 2005. Publication dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005. (PC307)

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**
of JOE A. VECCHIO
Case Number MP 17532

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOE A. VECCHIO.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT S. CUVA in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT S. CUVA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 1, 2005 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: 17, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner ROBERT E. WILLIAMS, 215 W. Franklin St., #219, Monterey, CA 93940. (831) 372-8053. (s) Robert E. Williams, Attorney for Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 28, 2005.

Publication dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005. (PC306)

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**SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW**
CASE NUMBER: DR 40654
**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:**
**JULIA L. COBOS**
***You are being sued.***
**PETITIONER'S NAME IS:**
**JAVIER P. ARREY**

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

***NOTICE:*** *The restraining orders on the back are effective against both husband and wife until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.*

The name and address of the court is:
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY**
**1200 Aguajito Road**
**Monterey, CA 93940**

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or Petitioner without an attorney, is:
**JAVIER P. ARREY**
**780 saratoga Drive**
**Salinas, CA 93906**
**(831) 443-5930**
**RONALD D. LANCE**
**11 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #219**
**Salinas, CA 93906**
**(831) 443-6509**
**Reg: #LDA5**
**County: Monterey**

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Date: July 24, 2003
(s) Sherri L. Pedersen, Clerk
by Janice N. Sheldon, Deputy
Publication Dates: March 11,18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC308)

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. M72498.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name: ONINTZA. REGIL WREN
Proposed name: ONINTZA REGIL

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: April 8, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 3, 2005.

Publication dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC309)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20040725. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
**1. FIXED RATE REALTY**
**2. $4995 REALTY**
**3. 2.95% REALTY**
1006 Iverson St., Salinas, CA 93901. Full name of Registrant: THEODORE J. BINDEL, 1006 Iverson St., Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 1, 2005. (s) Theodore Bindel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2005. Publication dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC 310)

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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** File No. 20041719. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **PACIFIC LUXURY GOODS,** 7th & San Carlos St., Carmel, CA 93921. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on July 16, 2004. GREENWICH TIME, INC., 7th & San Carlos Sts., Carmel, CA 93921. This business was conducted by James R. Genone, Jr. C.E.O.. (s) James R. Genone. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 23, 2005. Publication dates: March 11,18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC311).

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. M73383.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, Randy Greene, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name: RANDY GREENE
Proposed name: RANDI GREENE

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: April 8, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 3, 2005.

Publication dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC312)

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LINDA J. MILLER aka LINDA JOAN MILLER**
Case No. MP17531

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LINDA J. MILLER aka LINDA JOAN MILLER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael Miller in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michael Miller be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 22, 2005 at 10:30 AM in Dept. No. RM 14 located at 1200 AGUAJITO RD, MONTEREY CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Publication dates: March 11, 18, 25, 2005. (PC313)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050560. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **JBM ENTERPRISES,** 2221 N. Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940. BARBARA ANNE HARPER, 2221 N. Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940. JOHN ROBERT HARPER, 2221 N. Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940. MATTHEW JUSTIN COLEMAN, 2221 N. Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (s) Matthew J. Coleman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 4, 2005. Publication dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC314)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050536. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SPRAY GREEN,** 8320 Via Madalena, Carmel, CA 93923. MEN IN GREEN, LLC, 8320 Via Madalena, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2005. (s) David Bifano, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2005. Publication dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC315)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050587. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BAY ENTERPRISES,** 798 Lighthouse Ave, #302, Monterey, CA 93940. INGE ESPENHAIN, CALIFORNIA, 543 Pine Street, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 15, 2005. (s) Inge Espenhain. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2005. Publication dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2005. (PC316)

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**SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW**
CASE NUMBER: DR 42144
**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:**
**ROSA S. TORRES**
***You are being sued.***
**PETITIONER'S NAME IS:**
**LEOPOLDO GOMEZ**

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

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If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

***NOTICE:*** *The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.*

The name and address of the court is:
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY**
**1200 Aguajito Road**
**Monterey, CA 93940**

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
**LEOPOLDO GOMEZ**
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**RONALD D. LANCE**
**11 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #219**
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**County: Monterey**

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Date: July 21, 2004
(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
by Janice N. Sheldon, Deputy
Publication Dates: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2005. (PC 318)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050463. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PACIFIC LUXURY GOODS,** 496 Aguajito Road, Carmel, Ca 93921. JOHN CHARLES DEKKER, 496 Aguajito Road, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2005. (s) John Dekker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 23, 2005. Publication dates: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2005. (PC319)

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**SUNSET CENTER DIRECTOR JACK GLOBENFELT WILL BE THE SPEAKER** at the Carmel Residents Association meeting, 4:45 p.m., Thursday, March 24, Vista Lobos meeting room, Torres at Third, Carmel. The program, "Sunrise at Sunset," will include a PowerPoint presentation on Sunset's new web site. The public is invited. Questions, call (831) 625-9512.

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CARMEL BAY is holding its popular fun event, "The Return of the Golden Elephant."** Bid on new and leftover holiday items as part of a silent auction and luncheon, noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at Rancho Cañada Golf Club. Founded in 1982, Soroptimist International of Carmel Bay is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. RSVP (831) 642-4747.

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# Monterey Wine Festival slated

By LAITH AGHA

THE MONTEREY Wine Festival is set for April 28-30 at the Monterey Conference Center.

The festival will feature more than 120 wineries from California, Oregon, Washington, Australia, and New Zealand.

Opening festivities begin with the New Release Party at the Monterey Bay Aquarium at 7:30 p.m. April 28. Guests will be served a goumet dinner and new wines. Loretta Swit, known for playing Hot Lips Houlihan on the television series "MASH," will host the night.

The main event schedule also features the White Night on April 29 and the Red Night on April 30. A full schedule of events and seminars can be found on the website.

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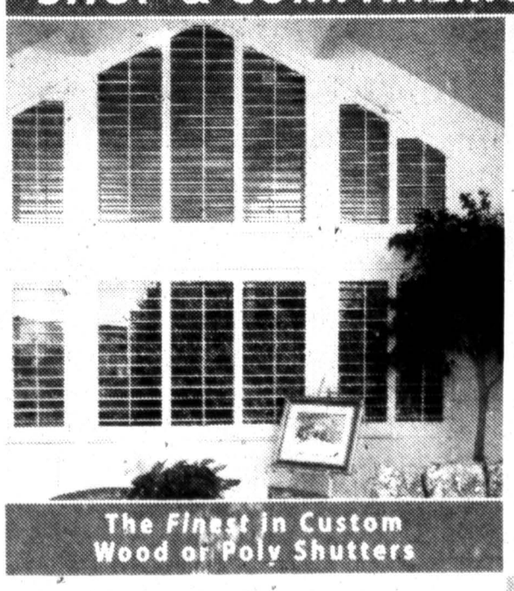


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# CHOMP

*From page 9A*

— hospital administrators update a real-time Internet-based service, EMSystem, and ambulance companies, fire departments and other hospitals are notified.

"It's unfortunate that customers in the Peninsula area may not be able to go to their preferred hospital or see their preferred doctor," said Stu Campbell, operations manager for American Medical Response, the county's ambulance service provider. But the options are few when an emergency room is maxed out. After two hours, a hospital's status reverts to green unless it is updated.

**Two reds = green**

To prevent a third hospital from being overwhelmed when two hospitals go red, all revert to green and must find ways to accommodate all patients, whether they arrive via ambulance or through the front door.

Amy Olson, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula's emergency department base station coordinator, said the hospital makes room for those incoming patients by opening areas not typically used for emergencies. Campbell believes that practice ensures most patients taken by ambulance to an overtaxed CHOMP don't have to wait much longer than normal.

*'But it's more of a Band-Aid cure than fighting the root of the disease.'*

**— Stu Campbell**

"But it's more of a Band-Aid cure than fighting the root of the disease," he said, adding that hospitals across the state experience a similar crunch.

"This is a problem they all are facing," he said. "They have adapted new systems to compensate for these crowded ERs."

Jedinak said diverting to another hospital does not generally present problems, though it means longer turnaround times for CRFA's three ambulances stationed at fire stations in Carmel and Carmel Valley.

"Probably 95 percent of the calls are not life threatening," he estimated. "If you have multiple calls on the Peninsula, and the ambulances are diverted to the Salinas Valley, that's going to start taxing the ambulances available here."

Campbell said the EMS agency's medical advisory committee will discuss the diversion policy again next month.

"Everyone's looking for ways to improve it," he said, including dividing ambulances between the hospitals depending on what resources are available at each.

Olson said the review should determine if an alternative plan will be safer for patients in distress and better for hospitals.

County EMS analyst Jennifer Lloyd, who monitors the system to ensure local hospitals are following protocol, said the system "is working very well."

**37 code reds in February**

At CHOMP, lack of beds, not staff shortages, most often prompts a code red, according to Olson. During the ER's busiest hours, a charge nurse, a triage nurse, six or seven other nurses and two doctors are working.

And, "If it looks like we're having a busy day, we can call someone in," she said. CHOMP's code reds have become more frequent, possibly due to a bad flu season.

A comparison of EMSystem records provided by Lloyd shows that while January 2004 was a busier month than this January — 17 declarations of code red vs. 10 in 2005 — it never went red in February 2004 but did so 37 times last month.

Since that status must be updated every two hours, many of the designations were consecutive. The longest period ran from 10:30 a.m. Feb. 18 to 4:34 p.m. Feb. 19, during which "insufficient facilities" was always listed as the cause. Occasionally, insufficient staff, holding patients in ER, lack of ICU or cardiac beds, or nonfunctioning equipment were listed as well.

"Even though we have been more code red than usual, others go code red more often," Olson said.

Natividad Medical Center entered code red status 59 times in January and 72 times in February. Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital went code red 45 times in January and 60 times in February. Mee Memorial Hospital in King City, also included in the system, did not go red during those months.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. M73390.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, Marj Ingram Viales, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name: JENNA MICHELLE BEATTY
Proposed name: JENNA MICHELLE INGRAM

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: April 22, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Monterey County Post.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 8, 2005.

Publication dates: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2005. (PC320)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050563. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **TREEHOUSE REMODELING,** 4145 Segunda Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. DEREK STEERE, 4145 Segunda Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. LAUREN COHEN, 4145 Segunda Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2005. (s) Derek Steere, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 7, 2005. Publication dates: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2005. (PC321)

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**CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**SETTING THE RATE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, the Board of Directors will meet to make the required findings and to set the rate of the fire mitigation fee to be requested to the Board of supervisors of Monterey County by the District as specified by Section 10.80.160 of the Monterey County Code; Monterey County Ordinance Number 3602.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN,** that at the time and place above designated for the meeting to set the rate of fire mitigation fees, any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding this issue.

**DATED: March 14, 2005**
**(s) Gayle Sheppard,**
**Secretary of the Board**
Publication dates: March 18, 2005. (PC322)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050648. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BIG SUR PROPERTY SERVICE,** P.O. Box 67, 46402 Pear Valley Rd., Big Sur, CA 93920. MONIQUE J BOURIN, 46402 Pear Valley Rd., Big Sur, CA 93920. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 15, 2005. (s) Monique S. Bourin. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 14, 2005. Publication dates: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2005. (PC323)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20050525. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **1.CASA DOLORES GALLERY 2. ROBERTS & CO.,** 760 Redwood Ave., Sand City, CA 93955. PCHS-CORP, California, 25420 Tierra Grande Dr., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (s) Ryan Meyer, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 2, 2005. Publication dates: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2005. (PC324)

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# THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**LABORATORY MAZE** By Patrick Merrell / Edited by Will Shortz

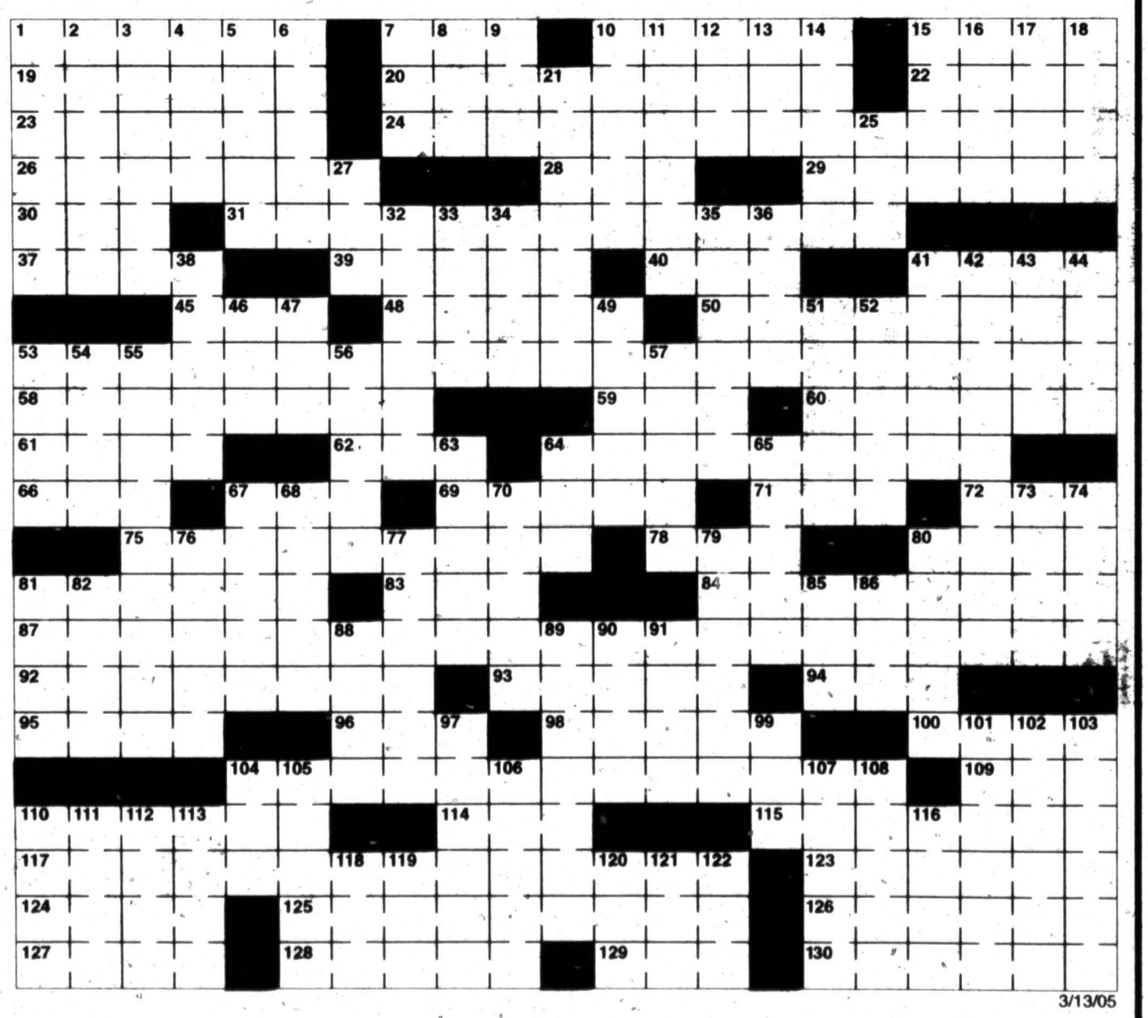
When this puzzle is completed, solve the maze in the grid, traveling through the openings in the squares, beginning at 69-Across, ending at 103-Down ... and passing over the word spelled at 71-Across 18 times. As you proceed, the consecutive letters of 71-Across will always be in their correct order, in straight lines reading forward, backward, up or down.

**ACROSS**

**1** Speaking sites
**7** D.C. lobbying grp.
**10** Olympian Griffith Joyner, familiarly
**15** One covering the infield
**19** Elocuted
**20** Like most magazine personality tests
**22** Melville work
**23** Passé
**24** Smell victory, in a lab maze?
**26** Attempted activity in "The Barber of Seville"
**28** Suffix with ideal
**29** Eye lasciviously
**30** Org. with a key-holding eagle in its logo
**31** Cheat, in a lab maze?
**37** See to
**39** Computer woe
**40** "The Confessions of ___ Turner"
**41** Rights grp.
**45** Double curve
**48** "Miss ___ Thompson," 1953 musical film
**50** Part of a food pyramid
**53** Hit a dead end mazewise?
**58** Term
**59** Set
**60** Mark and Shania
**61** Asia's ___ Sea
**62** Assent in les Alpes
**64** Feather holder
**66** Thither
**67** Jazz guitarist Montgomery
**69** Begin
**71** Lab maze runner
**72** Pit sight
**75** Works around town?
**78** ___ milk
**80** Stuffed food
**81** Materialize
**83** Article of the Constitution about the judiciary
**84** Dove
**87** Get weary solving a lab maze?
**92** Salute site
**93** Done in
**94** Make, in arithmetic
**95** Recipe info: Abbr.
**96** Sch. where Samuel Morse was a professor of art
**98** End of MGM's motto
**100** Mag. sales info
**104** Does some lab maze-solving?
**109** Book after Ezr.
**110** Head post
**114** Epitome of simplicity
**115** Go over again
**117** Solve a lab maze almost inaudibly?
**123** Brave cover
**124** "My Fair Lady" is based on his work
**125** Foundations
**126** Cars known for backfiring?
**127** Options for traders
**128** High lands
**129** "Tasty!"
**130** Clue for a car mechanic

**DOWN**

**1** Maze participant
**2** Veiled threat
**3** Austronesian language
**4** 'Vette option
**5** Make a new excavation
**6** Gland prefix
**7** Bounced check letters
**8** Olds mobile
**9** Accompanier of thumbs and ears
**10** Frat rushees, often
**11** Pros with cons
**12** Plains Indian
**13** Actress Aniston, familiarly
**14** Scott who wrote "Island of the Blue Dolphins"
**15** Soap made by Dial
**16** Marc Antony's love
**17** Parks in Alabama
**18** "Every man will be a ___ if he can": Thoreau
**21** Arrives suddenly without formality
**25** Pommes frites seasoning
**27** State biggie
**32** One of a Hindu trinity
**33** Q.E.D. part
**34** Designer Gernreich
**35** Had passed its expiration date
**36** Outermost of the Aleutians
**38** Transfer
**41** Play the role of
**42** Garbo film "Queen ___"
**43** Trim
**44** Deliverer of many pkgs.
**46** Didn't play
**47** ___ generis (unique)
**49** Anticipatory
**51** Stars, in Kansas' motto
**52** Stop from getting dry
**53** Mate's hello
**54** International coin
**55** Convey
**56** One taking a gander?
**57** Different cuts
**63** "Let me repeat ..."
**64** What a tipper tips
**65** Tumbler
**67** Anger
**68** Unexplainable
**70** Chamber groups
**73** Suffix with axiom
**74** Pile maker
**76** Lauren of "The Love Boat"
**77** Hand-color, in a way
**79** Gift-giver's urging
**80** French writer Georges
**81** Kodak competitor
**82** Spring event
**85** Org. with an emergency no.
**86** Geom. point
**88** Captain, e.g.
**89** Freight carrier
**90** Unloaded truck's weight
**91** Home page visits
**97** Olympics chant
**99** ___ Lanka
**101** Steamed
**102** Pass along, as gossip
**103** Maze reward
**104** Unit of matter: Abbr.
**105** Bottomless pit
**106** Helps do wrong
**107** Complete
**108** "___ lift?"
**110** 1/16 of a cup: Abbr.
**111** Diamond Head's home
**112** Burlesque landing spot
**113** Jacob and Abraham, e.g.
**116** Break
**118** Go after
**119** Passers, briefly
**120** "___ Kyser's Kollege of Musical Knowledge"
**121** A.C. unit
**122** Verb for Popeye



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*Answer to puzzle on page 4A*

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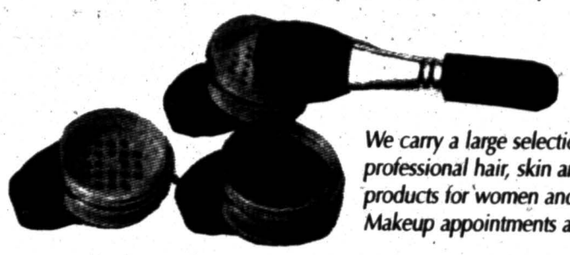

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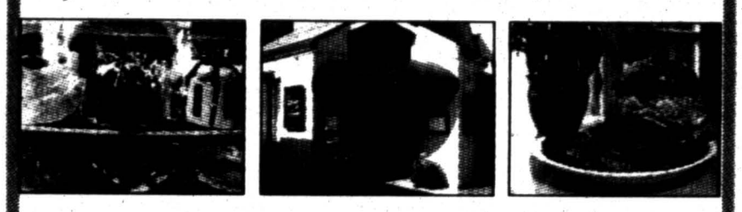

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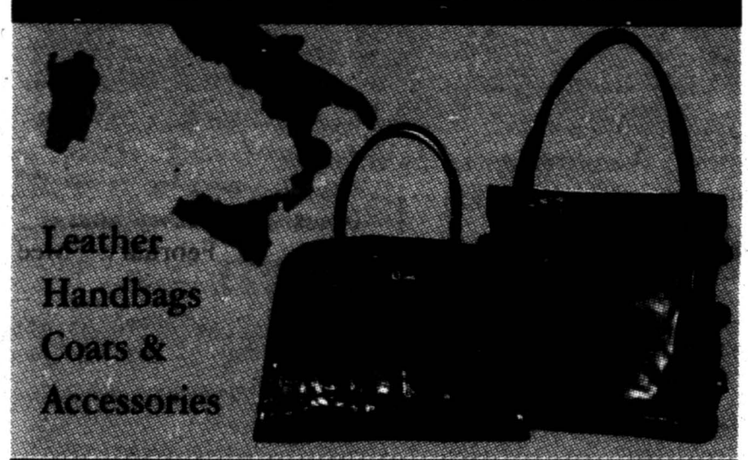

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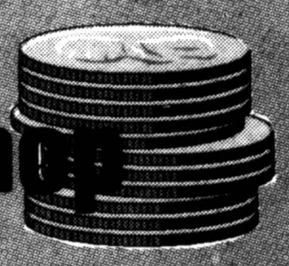

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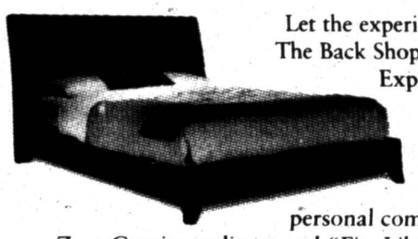

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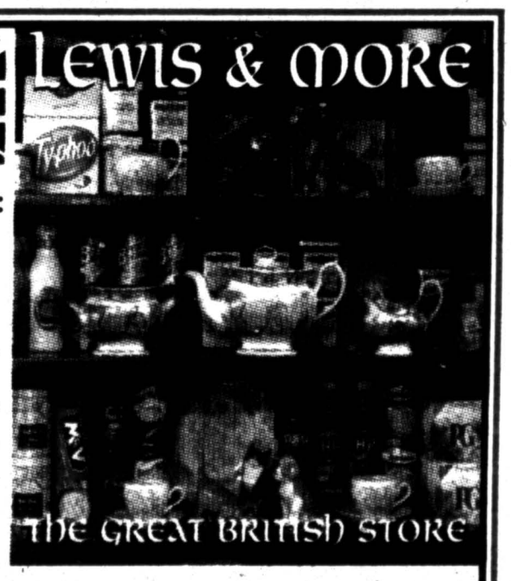


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# OPINION

## Editorial

# NIMBY at its worst

RESIDENTS OF the neighborhood around Monterey's Monte Vista School embarrassed themselves and the entire Peninsula with their angry opposition to the leasing of the old elementary school by the U.S. Army's Defense Language Institute.

From the vehement objections expressed at a public meeting two weeks ago, you'd think the school was going to be used for live firing exercises, or surrounded with watchtowers manned by trigger-happy machine gunners who'd open fire on anyone walking a dog.

But the truth is that the DLI's plan is to convert the former grade school — a noisy, busy place during school days — into faculty and staff offices. No classes. No students. No soldiers. No basketball games. No assemblies or drills. No heavy security. Just adults working at desks and computers. And the Army would pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for the use of the school — money that would be used for valuable programs at the budget-strapped Monterey Peninsula Unified School District's remaining schools.

But all that is beside the point. Even if the DLI planned to move lock, stock and barrel into Monte Vista School, it is shameful for the people in that neighborhood to fail to recognize the important role the DLI plays in our national defense.

Remember the embedded reporters at the beginning of the Iraq War? Thanks to their efforts, the American public got a first-hand look at their nation's infantry and armored units as they pressed through the Iraqi countryside on their way to Baghdad. All too often, we saw boys from the heartland searching houses or stopping cars at roadblocks which brought them into close contact with Arabic-speaking civilians. And just as often, we saw these young men shouting instructions in English ("Put your hands up!" or "Stop right there!" or even, "We're not going to hurt you!") to frightened people who couldn't understand a word being spoken to them. Tragedy sometimes resulted when a misunderstanding caused somebody to get shot.

These incidents graphically illustrated the necessity for our soldiers to have at least a basic understanding of not only Arabic, but Persian, Russian, Chinese, Korean, etc., etc. In the age of terrorism, when a merciless enemy can be hiding anywhere, such skills are vital.

And where will our soldiers gain the ability to communicate with the people of other lands? One of the most important places is Monterey's Defense Language Institute — a fact which should make this entire community proud.

Of course the people around Monte Vista School have the right to ask questions about possible impacts on their neighborhood. But the questioning should be done in a spirit of helpfulness, cooperation and gratitude for the service of the men and women who work and study there, not hostility and suspicion.

Even pacifists, after all, need to be defended.

## BATES

**"He likes to hear the pitter patter of little feet."**

## Letters to the Editor

*The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. The Pine Cone reserves the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication. Letters should not exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers.*

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### *Misleading statements?*

**Dear Editor,**

What do the following comments have in common?

- Measure A will increase the hotel tax by 20 percent.
- The city's hands will be tied on how this money is spent.
- Visitors fund 65 percent of the city's services.
- Other cities earmark their TOT for tourist advertising.
- TOT as a percentage of our revenue, is down.
- When TOT increases, hotel occupancy declines.
- Once approved, the city can't undo the TOT.
- Occupancy rates are down by 20 percent over last seven years.

These are all assertions by our elected officials that are false, misleading or contrived to deceive the residents of Carmel. Either our city council has become a master of misinformation to confuse and mislead voters or they don't understand what they're doing. This same council has taxed our visitors by imposing a $2 fee on Sunset Center tickets, a parking fee on tourist buses and eliminating downtown parking for shoppers. The additional 2 percent TOT tax, which they oppose, will help reinstate services, restore our forest and beach and preserve our reserve funds. I'm not so sure they do know what they're doing.

Please vote with me in support of Measure A.

**Richard M. Ely**, *Carmel*

*Editor's note: The endless bickering over what to call the size of the proposed TOT increase should be put to rest: Changing the tax on hotel bills from 10 to 12 percent is an increase of 20 percent in that tax.*

*See* ***LETTERS*** *next page*


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# LETTERS

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## *A council like no other*

**Dear Editor,**

Carmel-by-the-Sea has a city council unlike any other. Where else would the city council and the city administrator all agree that a tax increase is not a good idea? This is that increase of the Transient Occupancy Tax to 12 percent.

Maybe, just maybe, they've spent a lot of time and thinking, with all the facts and figures, and realize that the answer isn't as simple as it may appear to the uninformed. It isn't just a matter of fairness and flexibility, although those are certainly important.

If the proposed increase is adopted by voters, the TOT is likely to decline even further and faster than it does already. This increased tax is a further impediment to the hostelry community in the Carmel-by-the-Sea. Why? Because already high property costs make capital improvements very difficult here. Upgrades needed to compete with nearby markets put our inns and hotels at a competitive disadvantage. This added tax simply will exacerbate the disadvantage which can be seen in the TOT declines over the past five years. As someone said, "Quaint only goes so far!"

The obvious next step would be for inns to become condos, thus removing them from the TOT. In fact it's happening already. Oh, the tourists will still come and enjoy our daytime amenities, but they won't contribute to their costs for traffic control or restrooms. A No vote on Measure A is the right answer. And let's keep thinking about how we can get the day visitors to pay their fair share. Some form of paid parking makes some sense here.

**Clay Berling**, *Carmel*

## *'Hard to understand'*

**Dear Editor,**

Given the limited revenue resources in the current Carmel city budget, it is hard to understand the city council's continuing refusal to accept funding from various sources, particularly the proposed TOT increase. As we watch continuing deterioration of important city services, the postponement of vital capital projects and a steady nibbling at reserves, they continue digging in their heels, complaining that the visitor already contributes more than enough with a share of revenue of some 63 to 65 percent.

Until recently, for nearly half a century (including my years on the city council), the portion of the city's revenue that was attributable to tourist activity was approximately 72 to 75 percent. This share of the municipal services burden was not only looked upon by the city, its businesses and its citizens as fair and appropriate, but it worked very well indeed with no complaint from the visitors. I suspect the modest increase in the TOT will, in time, have the same overall effect. Let's vote for it!

**Olof Dahlstrand**, *Carmel*

## *'Not exactly a crumb'*

**Dear Editor,**

Tom Williams, a Crossroads business owner and past president of our chamber of commerce, made misleading statements in his letter to the editor in the Feb. 21 edition. It's true that the chamber has more than 500 members; however, only about 360 are located in Carmel-by-the-Sea ("Guide to Carmel"). The chamber states that 50 percent of its members oppose the hotel tax increase; conversely, wouldn't that mean that 50 percent support it? Let's look at the facts: 1,200 business licenses are issued in Carmel-by-the-Sea; 360 businesses belong to the chamber, ergo the chamber represents only 30 percent of the businesses.

Tom Williams does not vote in Carmel-by-the-Sea. In fact, only one member of the chamber board does. Yet, the chamber has the temerity to tell residents how to vote on the hotel tax. The residents of this village know that tourism is important to our economy, but tourists are attracted to well kept, beautiful places. Shouldn't it occur to the chamber that a windfall of an additional $700,000 each year would go a long way to improve our city, for visitors as well as residents? Furthermore, this measure allocates $87,500 for tourist promotion, which could nearly double the amount currently budgeted by the city. Not exactly a "crumb," as Mr. Williams suggested.

**Megan Terry**, *Carmel*


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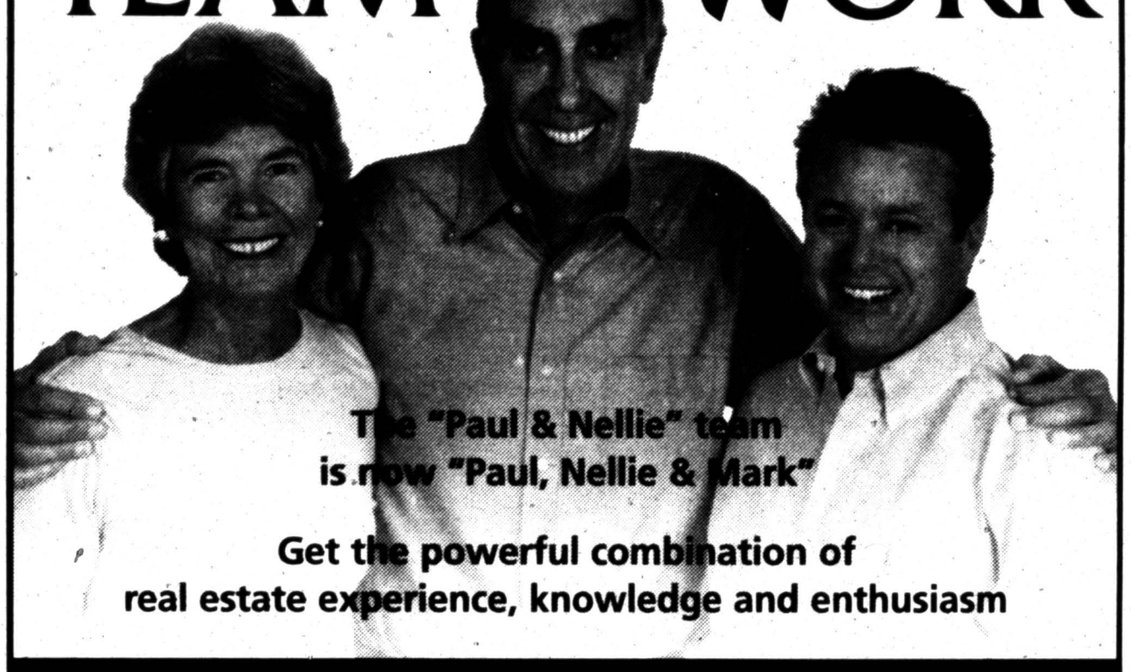

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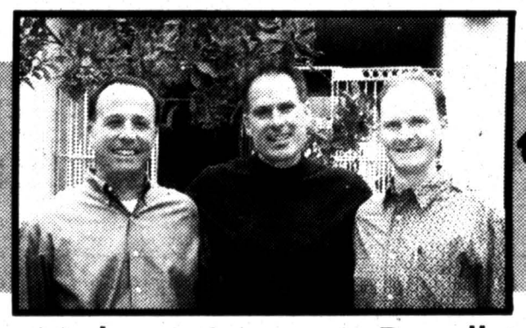

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# CYPRESS

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be done," said Ono, an urban forestry consultant and former forester for the City of Pacific Grove.

He said the tree has value far beyond its visual appeal.

"A lot of the bank has eroded away," he said. "The tree is helping to stabilize the embankment. If the tree goes, the embankment will go at a more rapid rate."

*'The tree is helping to stabilize the embankment. If the tree goes, the embankment will go at a more rapid rate.'*

**— Frank Ono**

The tree may be helping to hold up the embankment, but the embankment is also holding up the tree.

"This is not a case of tree failure," Ono said. "The problem is soil failure."

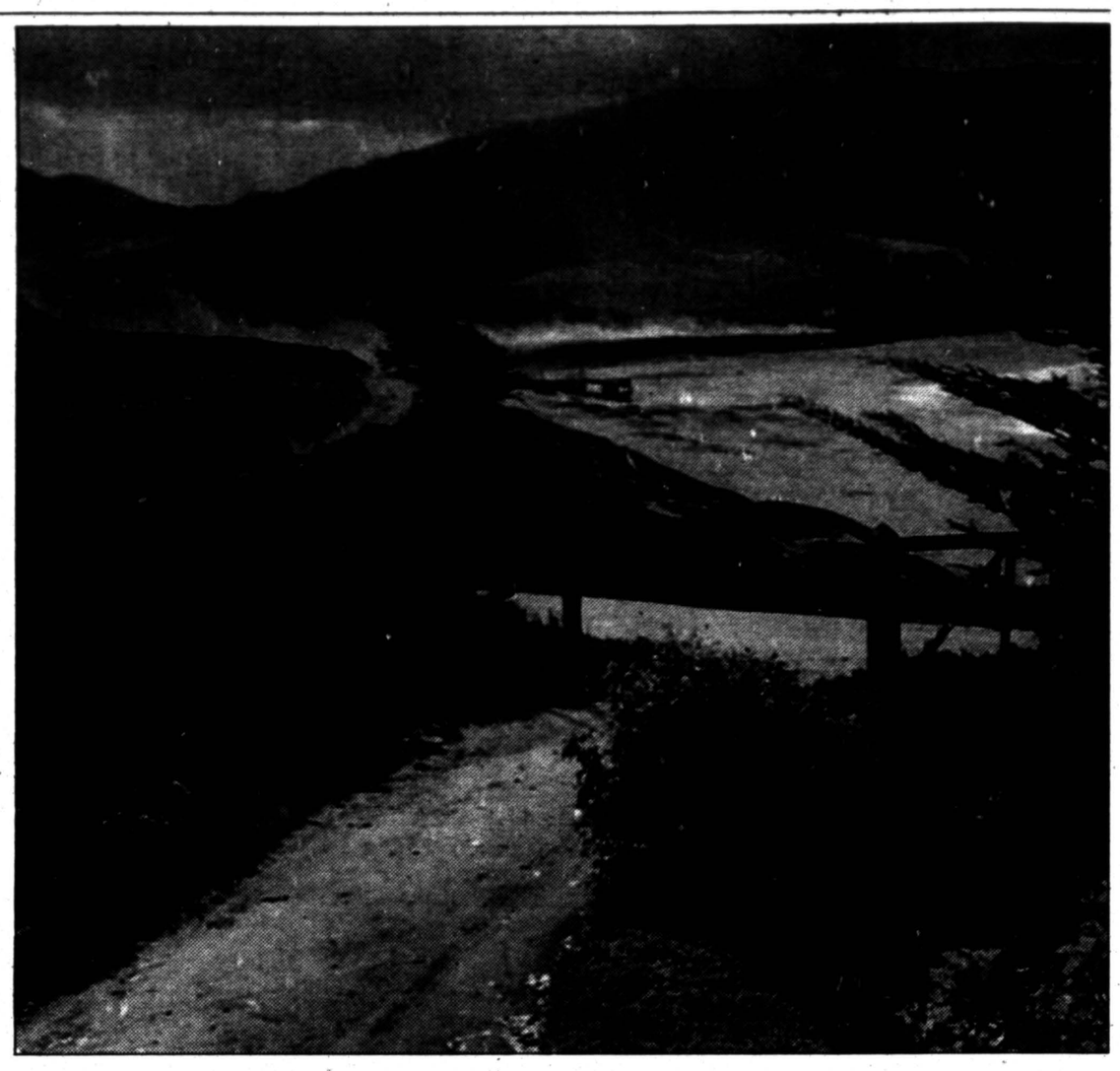
Lewis said his department is monitoring the condition of the tree.

"It's still hanging in there," Lewis said. "We have met with the county building and planning department and discussed remedies to the problem, but we don't have a start date."

For John, any effort to help save the tree won't come soon enough.

"They should come in and put boulders or something at the bottom [of the embankment] to secure the base and build up it up with some sand," he said. "All they have to do is declare an emergency and do whatever they want" to solve the problem.

John believes the cypress tree is one of the Monterey Peninsula's greatest scenic treasures. He suggested it be named the "Fred Farr tree" after Congressman Sam Farr's late father, a former state senator and longtime resident.



An early 1930s photograph shows the young tree that grew into the stately cypress currently imperiled by erosion of the Carmel River.

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***GOOD FRIDAY ~ MARCH 25 ~ 12:15 -1:30 pm***
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✝ **Holy Thursday, March 24** • ***Basilica***
**Morning Prayer** – 9:30 AM
**Mass of the Lord's Supper** – 7:00 PM
✝ **Good Friday – March 25** • ***Basilica***
**Morning Prayer** – 9:30 AM • **Stations of the Cross** – 1:30 PM
*followed by* **Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion** – 2:00 PM
✝ **Holy Saturday – March 26** • ***Basilica***
**Morning Prayer** – 9:30 AM • **Easter Vigil Solemn Mass** – 8:00 PM
✝ **Easter Sunday – March 27** • ***Basilica Masses***
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**Good Friday – March 25**
12:00-3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at All Saints
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**Great Vigil of Easter – March 26**
8:00 p.m. First Eucharist of Easter. Bring bells to ring!

**Easter Sunday – March 27**
Services at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
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11 a.m. Big Sur Service at Santa Lucia Chapel

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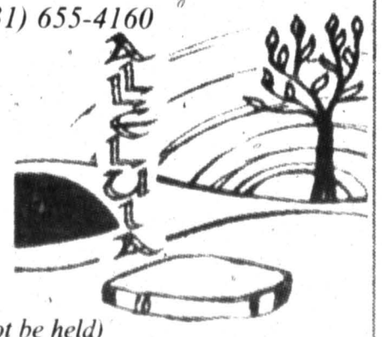


**Tuesday, March 22** Reconciliation 7:00 pm
**Holy Thursday - March 24** Morning Prayer 8:00 am
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 pm
*(The regular daily masses will not be held)*
**Good Friday – March 25** Morning Prayer 8:00 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm *(The regular daily masses will not be held)*
***Celebration of The Lord's Passion (Vietnamese):*** Reconciliation 2:30 pm
Way of the Cross and Liturgical Celebration 3:30 pm
**Holy Saturday – March 26**
Morning Prayer 8:00 am • The Easter Vigil Mass – 7:00 PM *(The 5:30 pm mass will not be held)*
**Easter Sunday – March 27**
Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon *(The 5:30 pm mass will not be held)*
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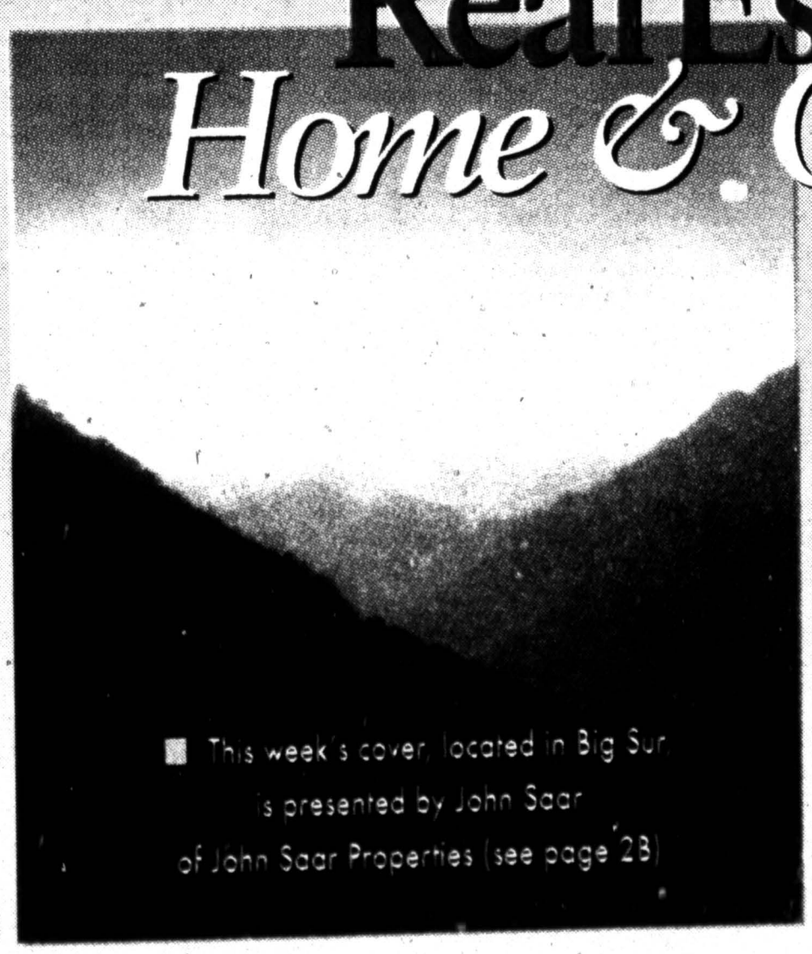

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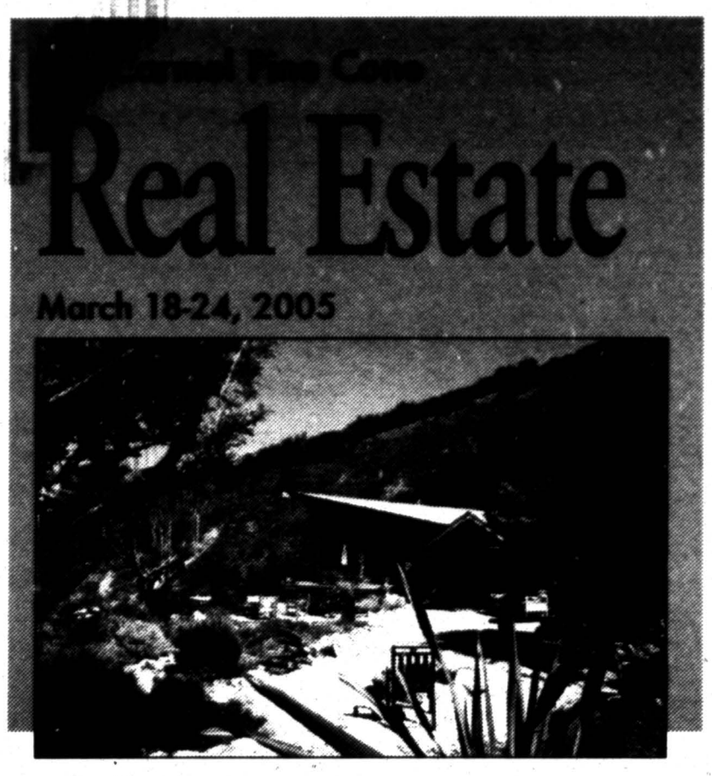



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*"Carmel Legends"*

Bill Bates is too young to be a legend. But his illuminating insights into the Carmel mystique have forced him into that category before his time. Today's illustration, pinpointing the ambilalent nature of Carmel demonstrates it. Many artists, writers and even musicians have tried to capture the essence of this one-of-a-kind place, but few have caught it as well as BATES. You'd think he was born here. Not so. He came from Tyler, Texas, spent some years in the Air Force, was a cartoonist on a major San Francisco daily, did tongue-in-cheek portraits of classic comedians and great golfers. He lived in the South Seas for a time and produced memorable watercolors, etchings and lithographs of the Fiji Islanders. Forsaking his Gauguin period, he came back to Carmel and spent much of the 60's kidding Carmel. In the 80's, he sailed as a Cruise Director for Royal Viking Lines, where he produced over three thousand drawings from around the world. You may know him best for the mural on the wall of Nielsen's Market, a perceptive (and funny) map of Carmel done with Carol Minou, which is a guide to tourists and locals alike. BILL BATES currently maintains a studio in San Francisco, spends his summers in Woodside, and says, " I left my heart in Carmel." You'll see more of him here.

***Written in 1987 & 1988, and previously published in The Pine Cone***

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POINT OF VIEW

Like new ocean view five bedroom, four bath 2,900 sq. ft. dream home overlooking Point Lobos and Carmel Bay was totally remodeled just three years ago! This fabulous home sits on an oversized lot just steps from the Mission Ranch, Carmel Mission and blocks from Carmel's scenic beaches. This easy care up-to-date Carmel home is one you will treasure for years to come! $3,395,000.

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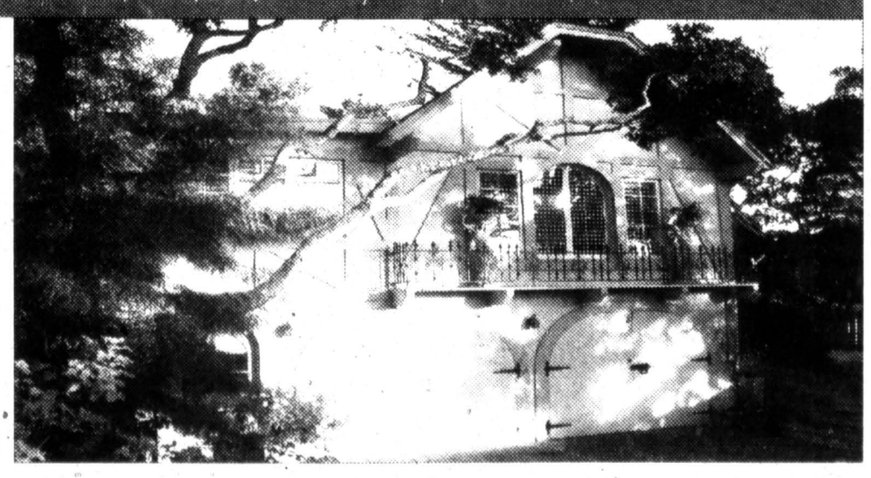

Oversized charming 4 bedroom, 3 bath Tudor-style 2,050 sq. ft. like-new Carmel home in the "Golden Rectangle" just blocks from the beach and only steps from Carmel's fabulous restaurants and shops! Enjoy the finest in finishes, 2 master suites, parking for 4 cars, ocean view, open beam ceiling, wonderful sun, great privacy and much more. Perfect for full time living or an easy care "getaway." You must see this Carmel home that truly has it all! $2,595,000.

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**Baths:** 3
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**Price:** $6,000,000

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CARMEL/CARMEL VALLEY

**Bedrooms:** 5
**Baths:** 5.5
**Sq. Ft.:** 5,200
*(includes guest house)*
**Price:** $3,900,000

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PEBBLE BEACH

**Bedrooms:** 4
**Baths:** 3.5
**Fireplaces:** 2
**Price:** $2,200,000

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CARMEL

**Bedrooms:** 2
**Baths:** 2
**Sq. Ft.:** 920
**Price:** $1,395,000

Charming ocean view cottage conveniently located in the heart of Carmel. Price includes approved plans, permit to follow, to remodel the existing home and add a master suite with fireplace, master bath and one-car garage, to a total of three bedrooms, three baths, two fireplaces and garage.

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MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY

**Bedrooms:** 3
**Baths:** 3
**Sq. Ft.:** 1,666
**Price:** $689,000

This unique Las Palmas home exudes great warmth and charm throughout. Very creatively updated and decorated using top of the line materials. Lush private hillside setting that's perfect for indoor/outdoor entertaining.

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MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY

**Bedrooms:** 3+
**Baths:** 3
**Sq. Ft.:** 3,460
**Price:** $1,595,000

Beautiful 3.5 year old golf villa on the 7th fairway at sunny Pasadera! The home features an open floor plan, spacious rooms, gorgeous courtyard, two fireplaces, bonus room/office and a two car garage. For casual country living in an exclusive community, this is it!

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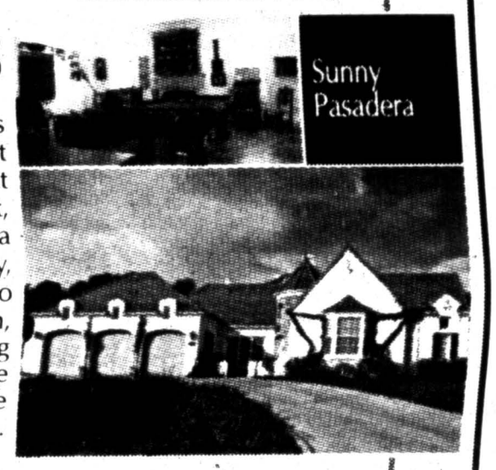
MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY

**Bedrooms:** 3
**Baths:** 2.5
**Sq. Ft.:** 3,116
**Price:** $1,795,000




This traditional home is situated on a quiet street close to the main gate at Pasadera. Bathed in light, the residence features a rounded stone entry, open kitchen leading to media and family room, formal dining and living rooms, an office, private rear patio plus a three car garage.

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CARMEL VALLEY

**Bedrooms:** 3
**Baths:** 4.5
**Sq. Ft.:** 4,900
**Price:** $2,495,000

Classic early California architecture, fountains, stonework, landscaping and gardens enhance "Villa Mirage," a private, quiet and gated custom crafted home. Along with views of Carmel Valley's sun-drenched mountains, features include wine storage, outdoor barbeque, pool, spa and more.

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CARMEL HIGHLANDS

**Bedrooms:** 3
**Baths:** 3.5
**Sq. Ft.:** 4,800
**Fireplaces:** 4
**Price:** $4,950,000

Panoramic ocean views and custom touches abound. Quality finishes of marble, limestone, granite & slate. Stunning two story living room with a loft on the main floor. Lower level offers privacy with its separate entrance, two guest suites and sitting room.

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CARMEL

**Lot Size:** 50 x 80
**Price:** $790,000

Nature dropped a bit of Big Sur into Carmel. Man built a honeymoon cabin in 1955, sitting obscurely under pines, over a creek. Its glory a precious memory its future may be a castle over a moat – a vision of inspired builder. Sits below the street, adjacent to the city park.

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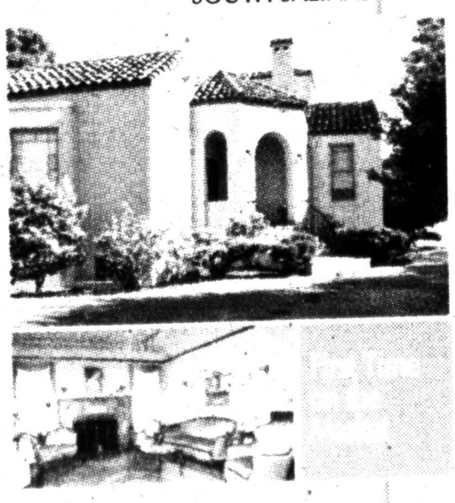
SOUTH SALINAS

**Bedrooms:** 5+
**Baths:** 2 full, 2 half
**Sq. Ft.:** 3,482
**Price:** $1,050,000



Mediterranean-style home offers the best in Old World charm and superior architecture as well as its original classic features. Floorplan includes a finished basement with large social hall, Carmel stone front fireplace and more.

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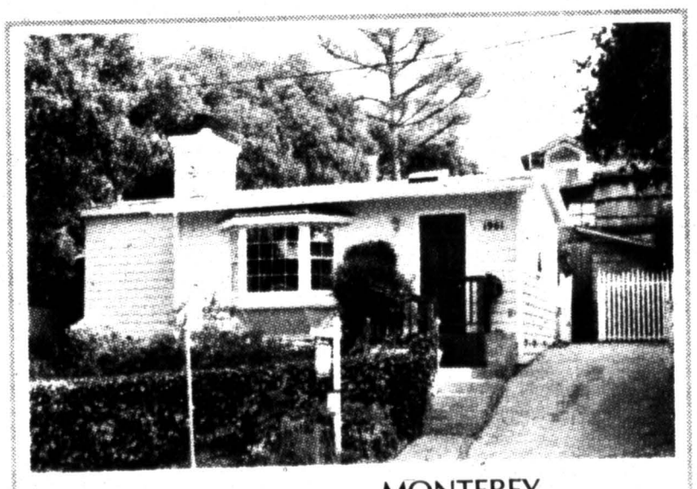

MONTEREY

**Bedrooms:** 2
**Baths:** 1
**Sq. Ft.:** 770
**Price:** $605,000

Adorable cottage high on David Avenue hill, with a view of Monterey Bay. Close and convenient to shopping and local attractions. A perfect starter home or weekend bungalow, it's been freshly painted inside and is ready for move in.

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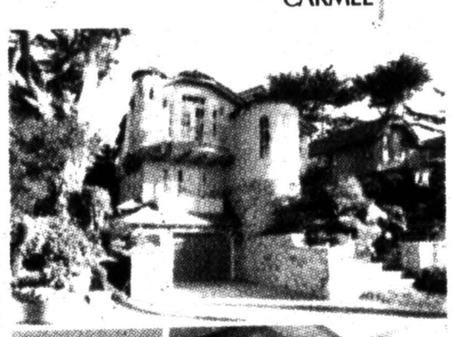
CARMEL

**Bedrooms:** 3
**Baths:** 2 full, 2 half
**Sq. Ft.:** 2,572
**Price:** $4,995,000



This Carmel Point area home features a gourmet kitchen with limestone counters, stone fireplace, soaring ceilings, wine cellar and more. Enhanced by tumbled marble floors, handcrafted cabinetry, multiple skylights, arched doors, finely crafted stone work and more.

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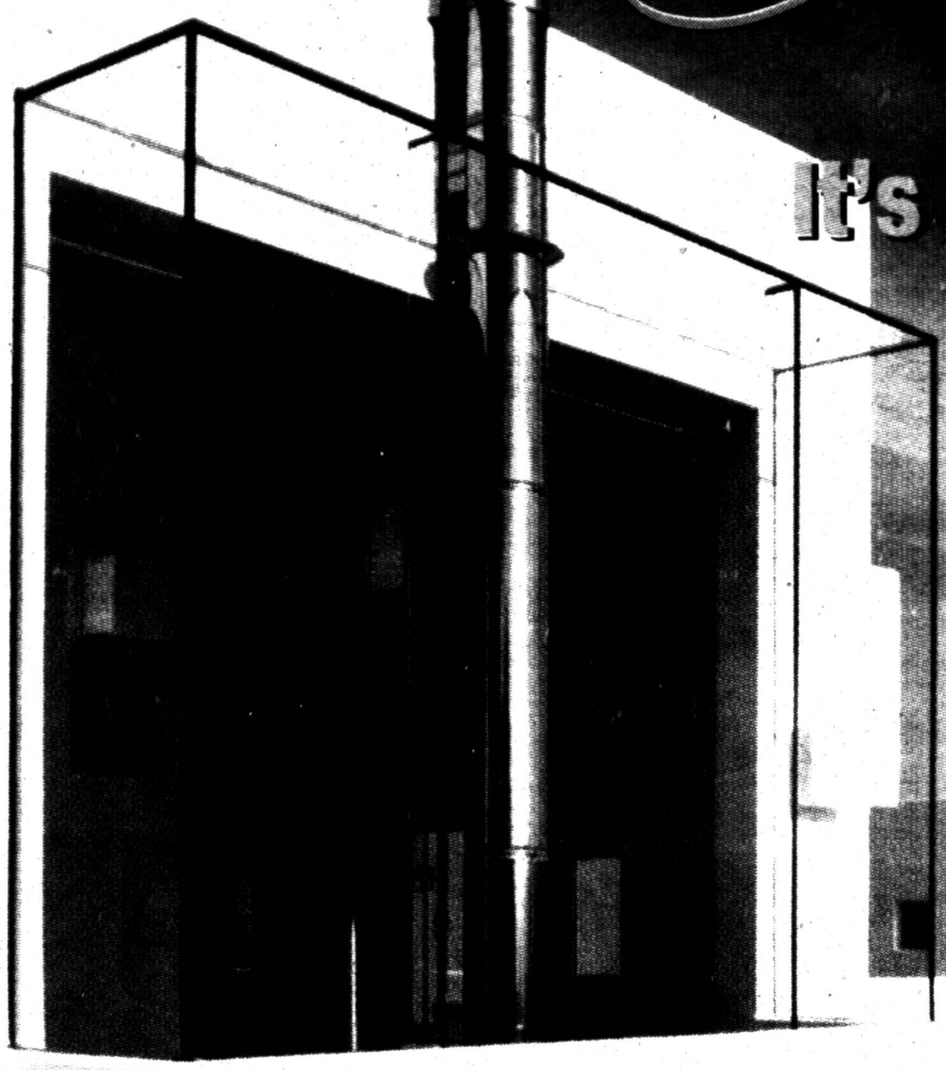
# In Your Dreams

## It's not a house, it's a hobby

BY ANNE PUPINEAU



**Mitered glass behind the fireplace is a distinctive element of a John Thodos design.**

**The "sugar cube" architecture of the Greek cycladic islands inspired the homeowners and architect.**

**IT STARTED with an idea scribbled on a napkin over lunch in San Francisco's Union Square.**

Randy Bradley and Kathleen Byrd already had the land, a sun-struck seven acres on a hillside overlooking Carmel Valley. They knew architect John Thodos, A.I.A., probably had the vision and the nerve to make something special of their sloped lot. After all, he'd already built a Carmel home that featured so much glass it induced the occasional traffic jam on San Antonio among rubbernecking drivers-by.

The couple had returned from a dreamy trip to the Aegean islands, and they had Greece on their minds. Coincidentally, Thodos is of Greek extraction — so little translation was required when they expressed their appreciation of the architecture of that mythic place.

"So many things started coming together," said Byrd, an accomplished ceramic artist. "Randy purchased the property as a birthday surprise for me. We didn't know exactly what we'd put on it."

Enter Thodos.

"When they came to me, they had a fascination with the Greek architecture of the cycladic islands. The Greek Islands — Mykonos, Chorus — have many homes designed on hills. The sugar cube architecture, if you will."

A modernist, Thodos has been lauded by his peers for the clean, contemporary lines of his designs. Yet the style Bradley and Byrd were referencing was centuries old.

"We loved the fact he was Greek," Byrd said. "Even though his architecture is so modern, there is a fine line between antiquity and contemporary architecture."

Thodos asserted he understood "precisely what they had in mind, and it dovetailed with my love of modernism. Even though the cycladic is 3,000 years old, it's very modernistic, kind of an ageless form."

Thus began a house-building partnership that involved near weekly meetings for upwards of one year. And to hear Bradley and Byrd tell it, the experience was a pleasure. They reserve praise not only for their chosen architect, but also for his wife, Judy Thodos.

"Judy had coffee for us in the mornings. They were so wonderfully organized and professional," said Byrd wistfully. "We were sorry the project ended and it was time to build the house — those weekly meetings with the French roast coffee."

Thodos, whose offices are on the ground floor of Carmel Plaza, said he welcomed the challenges of this project and always makes it a point to get to know his clients' preferences.

PHOTOS/COURTESY JOHN THODOS, A.I.A.

"When people come in, I like to do what I call 'deep interviewing.' I get past the Kiwanis talk, until the project becomes like a glove fitting a hand.

"They are two different kinds of women who have formed a wonderful union," he observed of Bradley and Byrd. "Randy is a highly specialized left brain, who deals with words and writing and is very comfortable in that left brain world."

She currently works as manager of software development at CTB McGraw Hill.

"Kathleen is a right brain person. Look at her sculptural ceramic work. These two put their strengths together, and they were very comfortable to work with."

The house presented the challenge of working on a marked slope and keeping within a rigid budget.

"We wanted a home we could entertain in, would be fairly economical to heat, and would complement the property while taking advantage of the views," said Byrd. "One thing I have noticed on the Peninsula is that, though there are many very expensive and extravagant homes, few have good architecture."

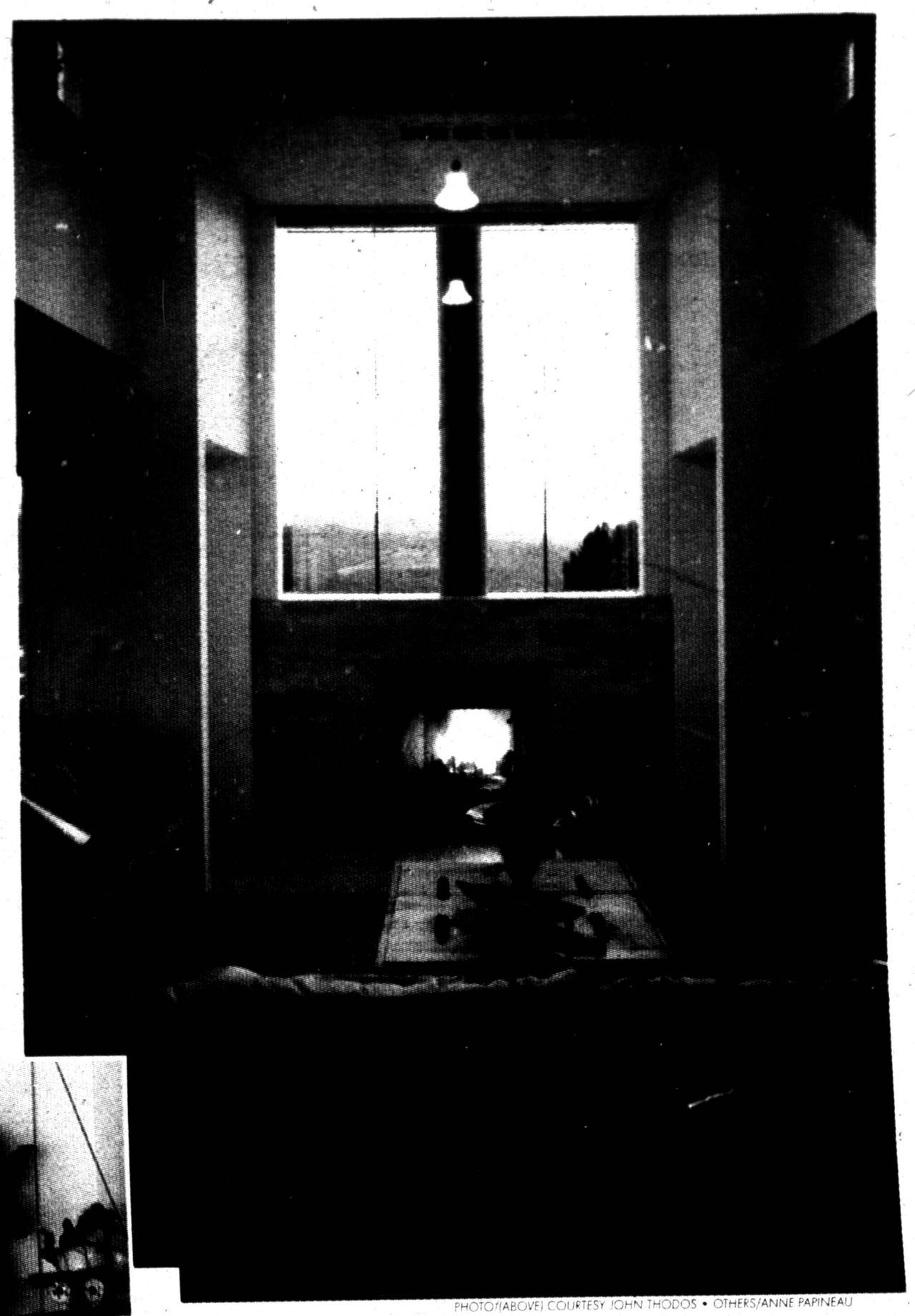
Said Thodos, "It was done very economically, with simple, honest, detailing. Almost everything in the house is right off the shelf. It wasn't done really slick."

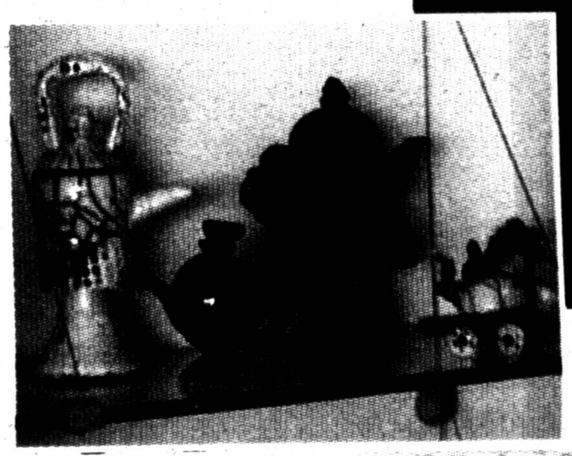
"John was very aware of our budget, but because he's such an incredible artist and designer, I think he worked harder on our house," Byrd said. "He's very innovative and very improvisational. You have to have bonds of trust between client and architect."

Thodos' answer to his clients' needs was a tripartite plan. Their three-part house consists of parking uppermost, staggered down to the bedroom and art-studio level and finally, via glass connector, to what he calls "the active area: living, dining and kitchen. There are decks off all. It's good living for them."

Before a Thodos house is built, he shows his clients a three-dimensional model of his concept.

"Whenever a decision needed to be made or a problem came along, we were on the same page, and that page was not to sacrifice architecture or design," Byrd said. "Sometimes that took shuffling ideas or dollars to reach a solution. John was always good at problem solving, as he loves a challenge and house building always presents its challenges."





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**Randy Bradley (left) and Kathleen Byrd share their mountain-hugging aerie with a Samoyed, Nikita, and a Jack Russell, Chumbley. Bird's ceramic creations pepper the house.**

The resulting house features more than 100 windows. It is awash in natural light. The inside is elegant, clean. Cabinetry is maple, countertops granite. The wood floors are Australian brushbox, punctuated in places with ceramic tile and travertine.

The couple shares their home with two pooches: Nikita, a Samoyed, and Chumbley, a Jack Russell.

And with a surprising array of wildlife.

"I love being rural, close to nature," said Byrd. "We have bobcat, fox, deer, great horned owls. I love the vultures; they're fabulous. Sometimes they cruise overhead.

But wildlife can introduce hardship, as well.

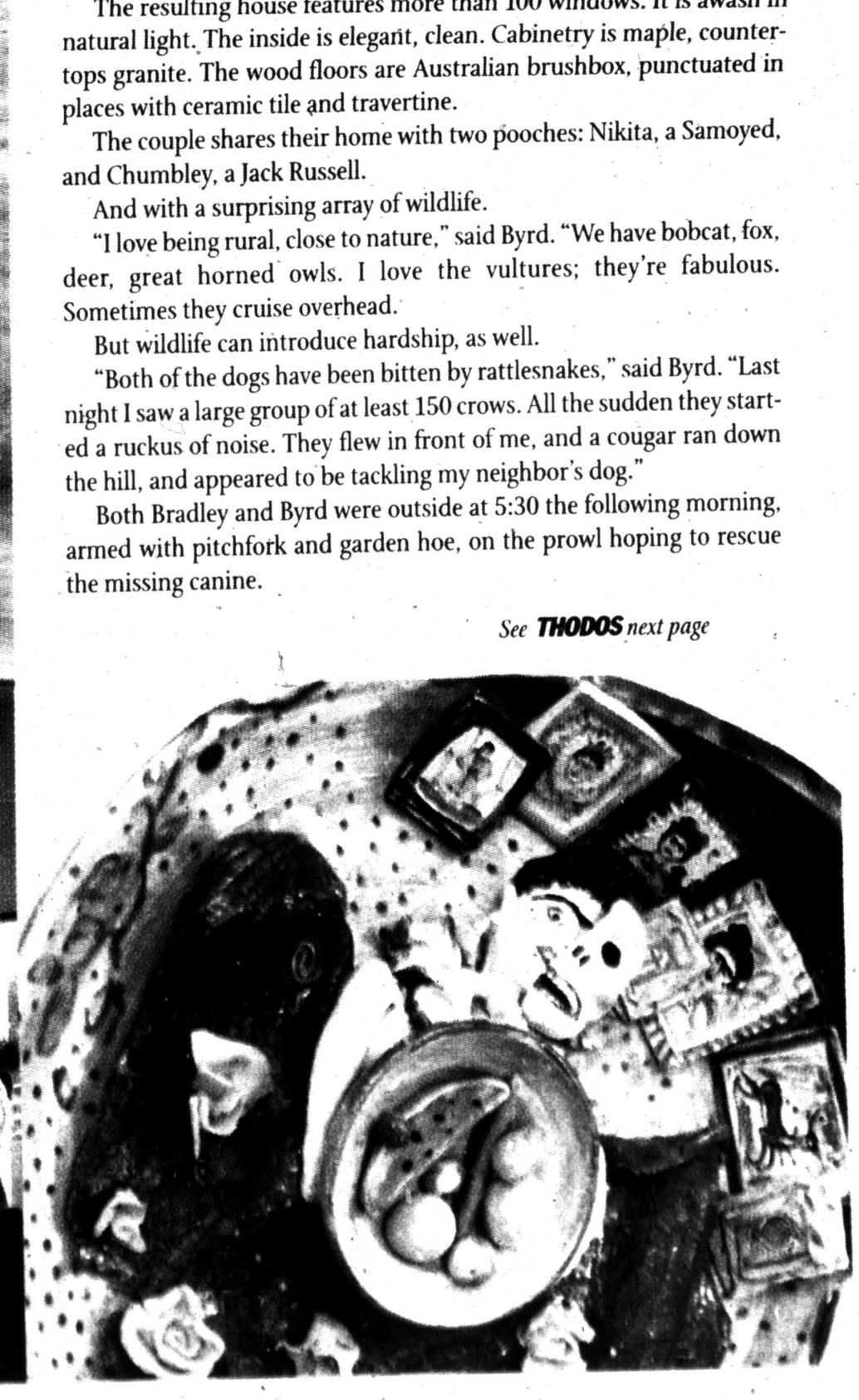
"Both of the dogs have been bitten by rattlesnakes," said Byrd. "Last night I saw a large group of at least 150 crows. All the sudden they started a ruckus of noise. They flew in front of me, and a cougar ran down the hill, and appeared to be tackling my neighbor's dog."

Both Bradley and Byrd were outside at 5:30 the following morning, armed with pitchfork and garden hoe, on the prowl hoping to rescue the missing canine.

*See* ***THODOS*** *next page*







# THODOS

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"We couldn't even find a trace of the dog," Byrd said.

Bradley grew up in Santa Clara, and now cannot imagine living any place but the Monterey Peninsula.

"It would be hard to drag me away from here. The Monterey area is sort of a paradise. I like to bike around the Peninsula. My sister lives here, too."

The couple contemplates building a retreat home in the Big Sur area. Byrd makes constant use of the art studio at home, creating ceramics that feature images of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, and beguiling "Dia de los Muertos" figurines. Her dogs also enjoy homecooked meals and home-baked dog biscuits, which she makes in seven pooch-pleasing flavors.

The house they occupy is, according to Thodos, "of the last 35 years, I'd make it one of my top 10, in terms of the solution with the budget and the site. It's not anybody's knockoff."

Said Byrd, "John told us, 'Once you move into the home you will never have to go on vacation,' and he was right . . . Is this home a dream home? Yes, definitely it is."

**Clean lines and cheerful accent colors make this John Thodos home design eminently livable.**


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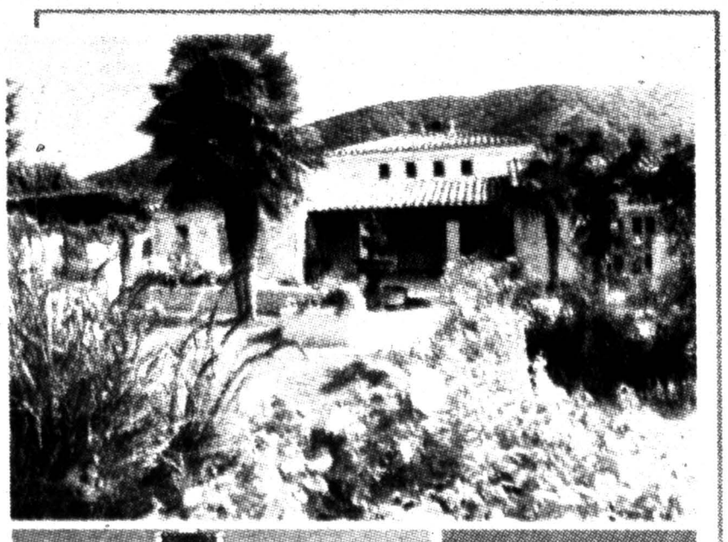
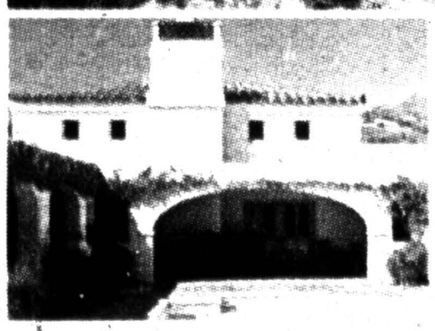


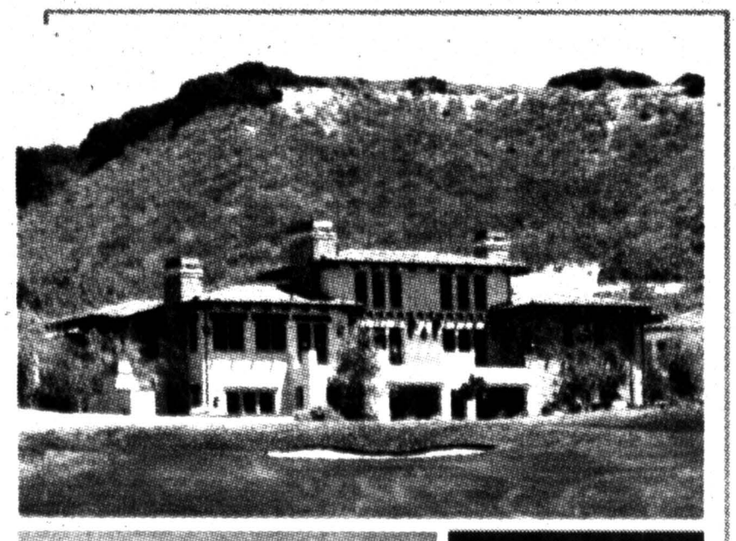


Walk to the Village from "Villa Mirage"

CARMEL VALLEY
101 Village Lane

**Bedrooms:** 3
**Baths:** 4.5
**Sq. Ft.:** 4,900
**Price:** $2,495,000

Classic early California architecture, fountains, stonework, landscaping and incredible gardens enhance this a private, quiet and gated custom crafted home. Along with spectacular views of Carmel Valley's sun-drenched mountains, features include high ceilings, Saltillo floors, wine storage, outdoor barbeque, French doors, pool, spa and more.



Golf Front Masterpiece in Pasadera

PASADERA
610 Belavida Road

**Bedrooms:** 5
**Baths:** 5+
**Sq. Ft.:** 6,800
**Price:** $4,295,000

Located on the 5th green at Pasadera, this new Mediterranean jewel features a grand living/dining room, wet bar, office/library, four fireplaces, high ceilings, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, wine cellar and more. Huge terraces overlook the landscaped courtyard, golf course and valley.

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**The Bradley-Byrd residence overlooking Carmel Valley is almost sculptural in appearance. "It was done very economically, with simple, honest detailing," explained the architect.**


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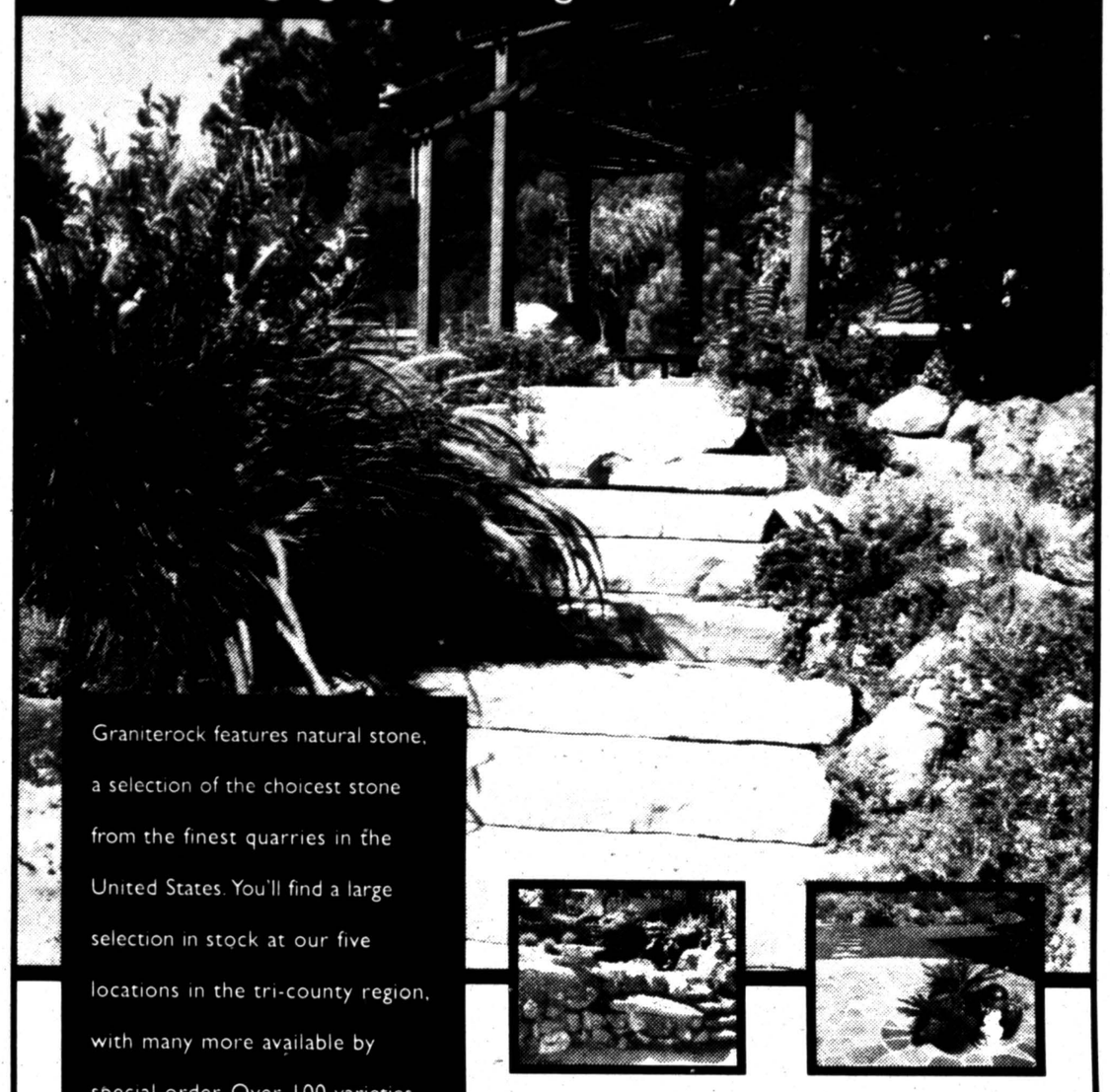

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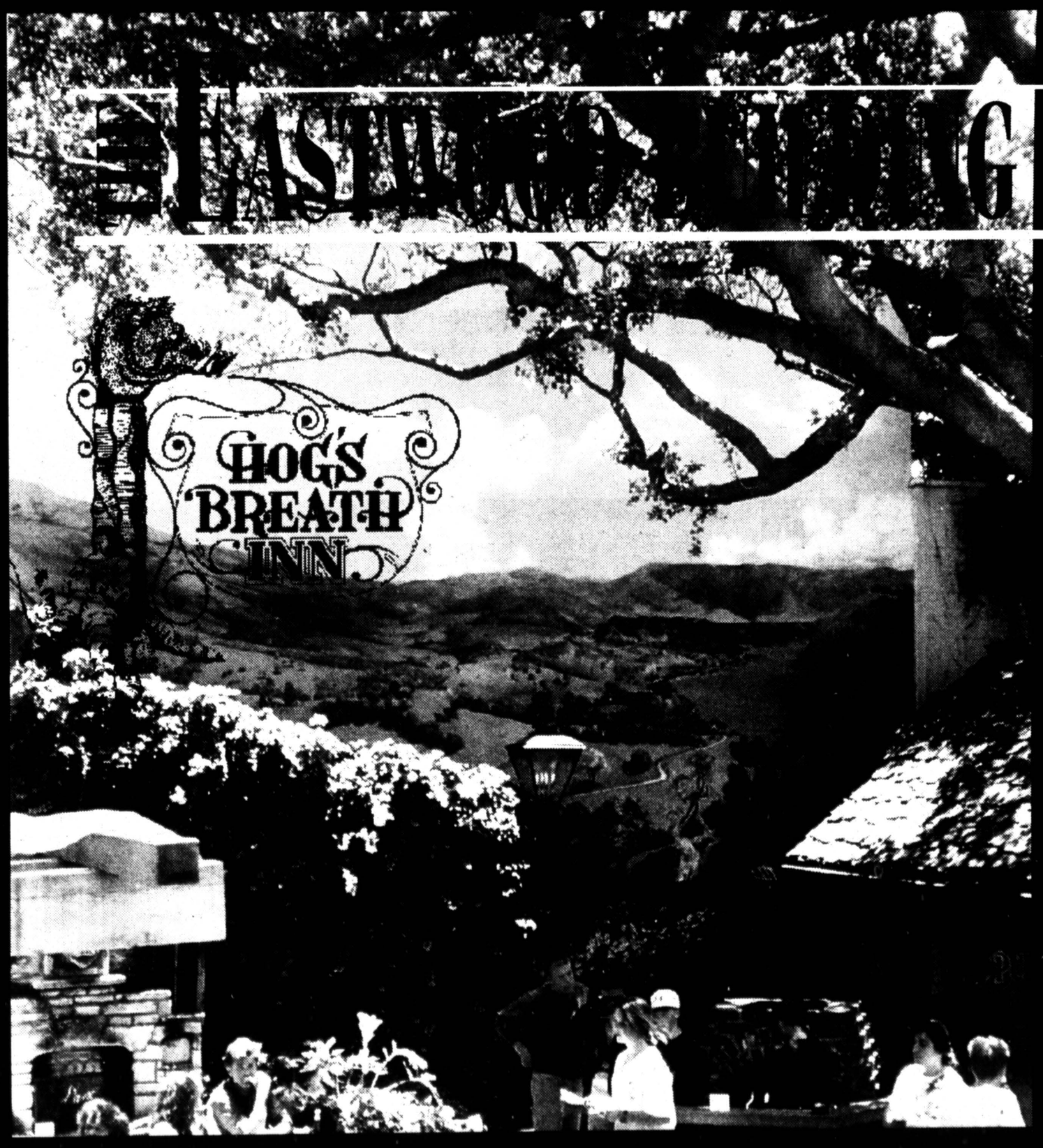

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# WHEN A strawberry IS A delicacy

## SMALL FAMILY FARMS DELIVER ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES DIRECT

**By MARY BROWNFIELD**

WITH THE agricultural abundance that bursts from Central Coast soil on a massive scale, small, family run, organic farms have found a niche in community supported agriculture.

From spring through fall, farmers harvest their crops, box them and take them to drop-off points throughout Monterey County. Subscribers retrieve their boxes filled with an array of freshly picked produce and even recipe suggestions.

"The fine art of what we do is figuring out how to compose a box," said Andy Griffin, a former Carmel Valley resident who now farms in Hollister. "Obviously, we're picking what is ready, but we have to be careful to give people a blend of things they can use. We don't want to give people 10 kinds of cooking greens."

Griffin, who graduated from Carmel High School in 1977, runs Mariquita Farm with his wife, Julia Wiley. They and their children live on 20 acres in Corralitos, where they also grow produce — including an acre of herbs — and raise livestock.

PHOTOS/COURTESY TWO SMALL FARMS

**Broccoli romanesco, an heirloom vegetable, has small conical florets and grows in a variety of colors. Unusual items such as these often appear in the organic produce boxes delivered by small farms.**

Four years ago, the couple joined forces with friends and fellow farmers Jeanne Byrne and Steven Pedersen, who run High Ground Organics in Watsonville.

"I had moved my farm from Castroville to Hollister, so I was having a hard time doing cool-weather crops, and they were having harder time doing warm-weather crops," Griffin said.

It made sense to mutually supply their CSA subscribers, since they had the same farming philosophies: providing organically grown fruits, vegetables and flowers grown in a manner that doesn't overtax the land.

"We called it Two Small Farms, so people are really clear from the beginning that it's not one farm, but two," he said.

Each has about 35 acres in production all year long. Mariquita alone yields dozens of different crops, including multiple varieties of potatoes, carrots, chard and onions.

"When I tell people we do 80 crops, they think I'm making this stuff up," Griffin said.

### What's in the box?

Throughout the year, CSA subscribers — who can sign up for the whole season, nine weeks, or even for a four-week trial share — receive a plethora of produce.

"The single biggest reason people sign up is they don't think they're eating enough veggies, and they want to be prodded into it, to eat differently," Griffin said. "And the single biggest reason they quit is they're not going to cook, and nothing's going to make them.

"But the biggest reasons people stay are because they get used to it; they like it; they feel like they know where their food is coming from, and they appreciate being challenged every once in a while."

Early spring boxes — deliveries began this week — might contain onions, herbs, broccoli, chard, escarole, butternut squash and other winter crops. As the seasons progress, other fruits and vegetables appear — some common, some obscure, all too numerous to list.

Their undeniable freshness makes all the difference.

True new potatoes, just dug from the soil and more perishable than their grocery store counterparts, are so creamy and tender they can be quickly steamed and eaten practically unadorned, with just a little butter and perhaps a sprinkling of herbs and spices.

Newly picked cabbage and cauliflower have a sweetness that disappears after languishing a day or two in the produce aisle.

And then there are the fruits and vegetables that rarely appear elsewhere: the seascape strawberries so sweet and tender they wouldn't survive the trip from farm to grocery store, the purple orach that's reminiscent of spinach, the strange-looking kohlrabi which tastes like crunchy broccoli stalks, and the sweet young onions and mild green garlic.

"The single best thing we've done is give people a coherent blend of stuff over and over and over again, despite the vagaries of farming," Griffin said.

He and Pedersen confer each week on what that blend should be, balancing which crops are at their best with what subscribers would want to eat.

"Steve was a chef before he ever slipped and fell into farming, so he's pretty educated on food," Griffin said of Pedersen, who with Byrne was inspired to enter agriculture after being CSA members themselves.

"We always try to have a cooking green, a hard vegetable — like a potato or squash or something you can build a meal around — and we give them a lot of stuff they're familiar with," he said. "And it's fun to give them something in each box that's a little bit different."

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**Chocolate Pants the baby goat, named by Julia Wiley and Andy Griffin's children for his brown hindquarters, is among the dozen kids that will be oooed and aaaaahed over during Baby Goat Day, to be hosted by Mariquita Farm April 23.**

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the needs of those on the opposite end of the scale who "flip out if we give them purple radishes."

The best litmus test Griffin has found?

"We try to please our wives."

They may have fields full of produce and immerse themselves in it daily, but Griffin and Pedersen also take a CSA box home each week.

"Then we can think about what the customer is getting; what's rotting in the fridge," he said. "My wife grew up in Venice, California. She never thought she would be living on a farm. I look at her, and if she's happy, I'm probably on the right track. And if she's giving me a hard time, I should pay attention."

Unlike Wiley, Griffin grew up in a rural area and worked on Carmel Valley cattle ranches through high school. He always wanted to be a rancher, and first encountered organic farming when he worked in a small garden run by one of the chefs at Chez Panisse — culinary pioneer Alice Waters' Berkeley restaurant.

"I forgot about raising animals then and learned more about vegetables than I knew existed," he said. "And I was introduced to all these people who were really turned on about food and about growing things organically. I thought, 'This is what I want to do.'"

For a dozen years, he worked for other farmers before starting his own near Watsonville.

CSA boxes are a niche the farmers are happy to fill.

"We know this is something the big companies aren't going to do — they're not interested, because they can't make a lot of money at it," he said. "We're giving people a different experience, and a different thing to value than the very cheapest commercially grown imported apple from China."

### Restaurant wants

The farms also distribute to about two dozen fine San Francisco restaurants, including Jardiniere, Bix, Globe, Greens, the Hayes Street Grill, Acme Chop House, Rose Pistola and One Market, according to Griffin.

Their produce also reaches one Peninsula restaurant: Stokes, in Monterey.

"We have dealt with them for a long time, and they are fans of ours," Griffin said.

Another Watsonville organic farm, Live Earth Farm, may soon join the restaurant deliveries, but owners Constance and Tom Broz also credit CSAs with the largest share of their business, now in its 10th year.

"We grow on about 30 acres, but not all in one place. We lease some and we own some," Tom Broz said of the farm near Corralitos. "We started fairly small, on five acres, and then moved up slowly, as our CSA membership grew."

A native of Ecuador, Broz said his heart was always in farming, even though his parents weren't. In the states, he studied ecology and

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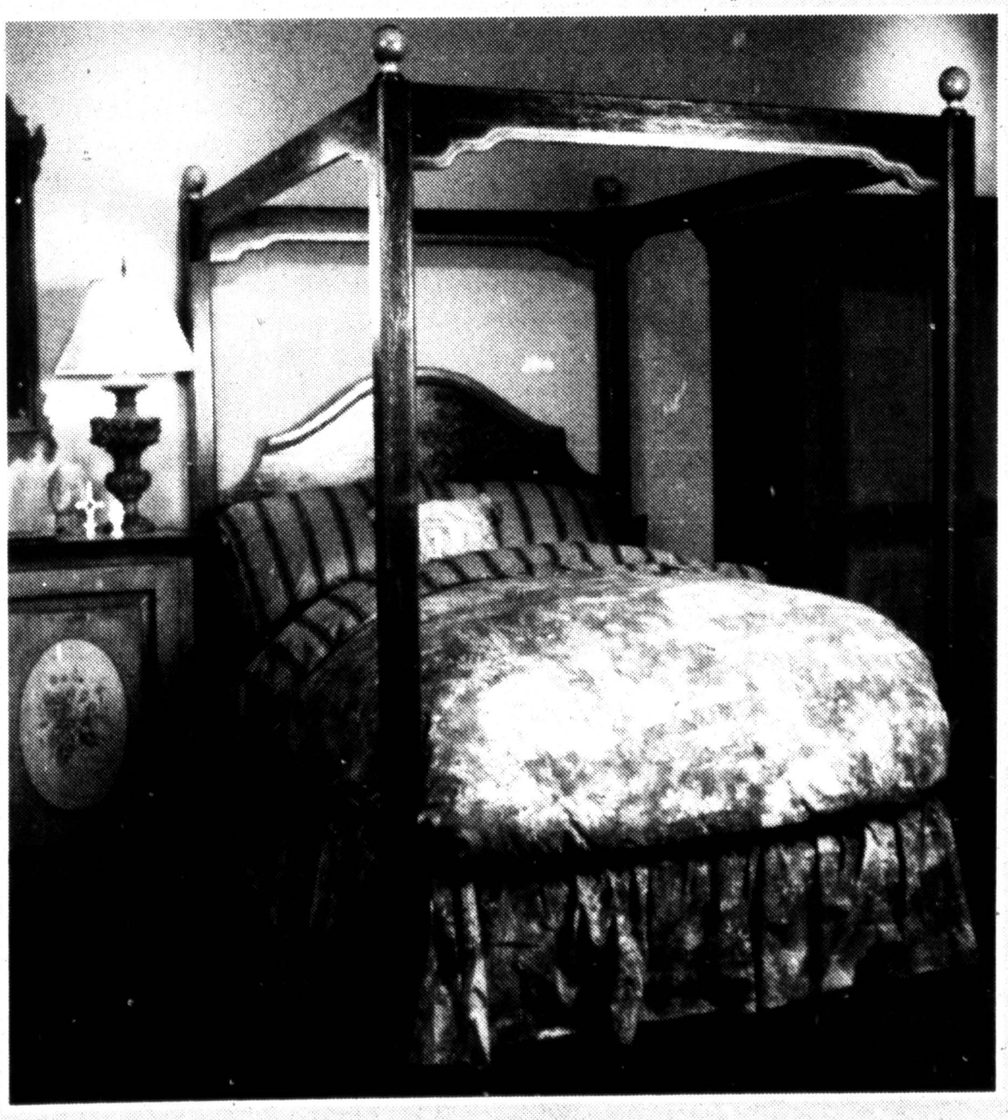

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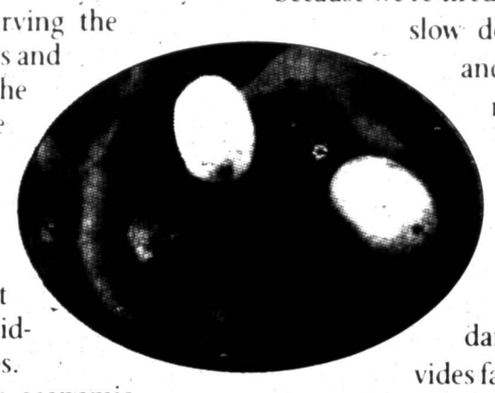
went to San Francisco to work for the Environmental Protection Agency, specializing in agricultural chemicals and protection.

To make a foray into growing, he joined a farming program at UC Santa Cruz and later bought his small Watsonville plot. He, his wife and their two children live on the farm.

"At that point, the CSA philosophy was just budding, and I thought that for a small farmer, it was probably a good place to start," he said. "It's close to the land and close to the community. It's primarily the experience of people connecting with local farms and eating locally and with the seasons. I really believe in that."

He listed Live Earth Farm's priorities:

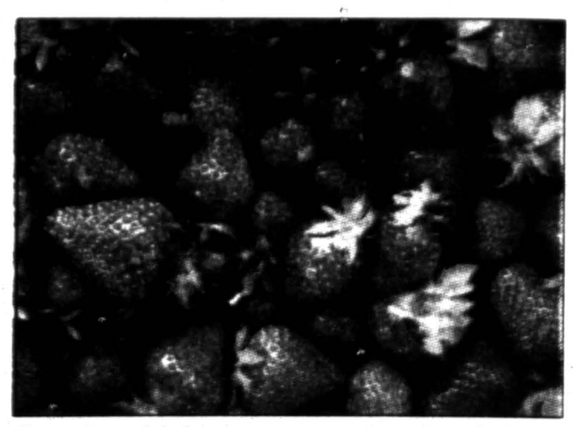
- to farm as environmentally friendly as possible, including preserving the surrounding native habitats and wildlands and ensuring the soil remains healthy. "The soil is a foundation of a good farm," he said.
- "The workers really need to be taken care of as well, so we focused on that the last few years," by providing good wages and services.
- "And it has to make economic sense, too. We all need to be able to make a living."



Ensuring that small family farms survive requires educating consumers, and Broz is a member of the Community Alliance with Family Farmers, which seeks to show the benefits of organic farming and sustainable agriculture.

"Five hundred to 600 kids come through the farm every year as part of our program," he said, and some stay overnight to experience the work such an endeavor requires.

Also a member of the Santa Cruz Culinary Alliance, Live Earth Farm has commercial clients as well.



**Sweet and juicy seascape strawberries are so fragile they don't ship well, so they are available only at farmers markets and in CSA boxes.**

Truly enamored with what he does for a living, Broz said, "Every season is special. When fall comes, I really look forward to winter, because we're tired and it's a time when we all slow down. Then there's spring, and the bloom. And the summer is incredible. With the energy we put into an operation like that, the land produces an incredible abundance."

In sharing that abundance, Live Earth Farm provides family shares — enough veggies for four people for a week — and smaller shares "for individuals who are single or a couple, or people who just can't eat too many veggies."

As with Two Small Farms, Live Earth provides a newsletter and recipe suggestions with each farm box.

For more information on CSA subscriptions and events involving Two Small Farms, or Mariquita Farm or High Ground Organics individually, visit: www.twosmallfarms.com, www.mariquita.com and www.highgroundorganics.com, or call (831) 786-0625.

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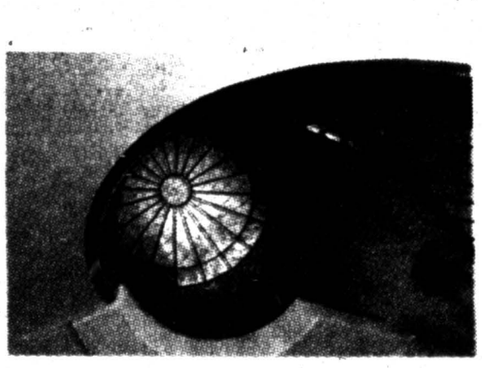

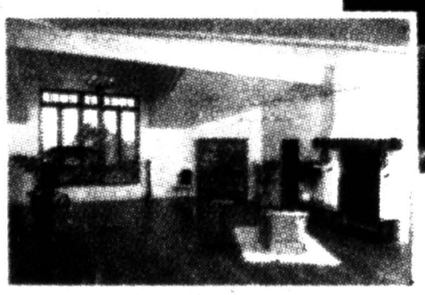

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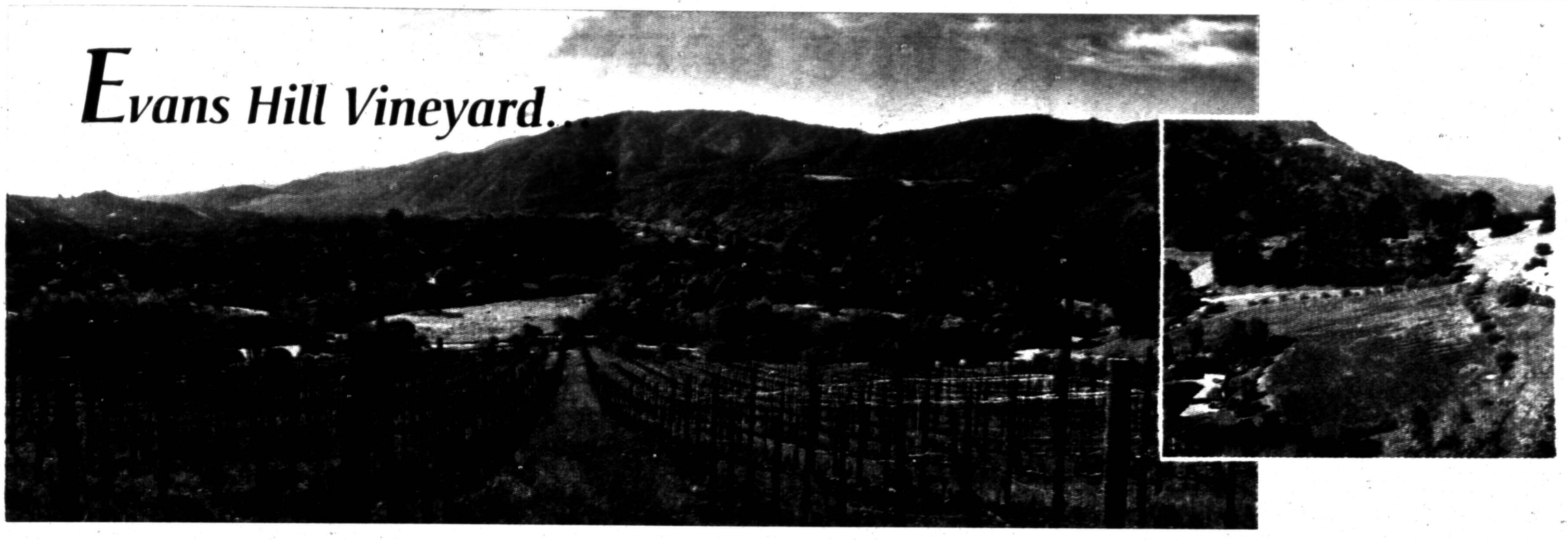

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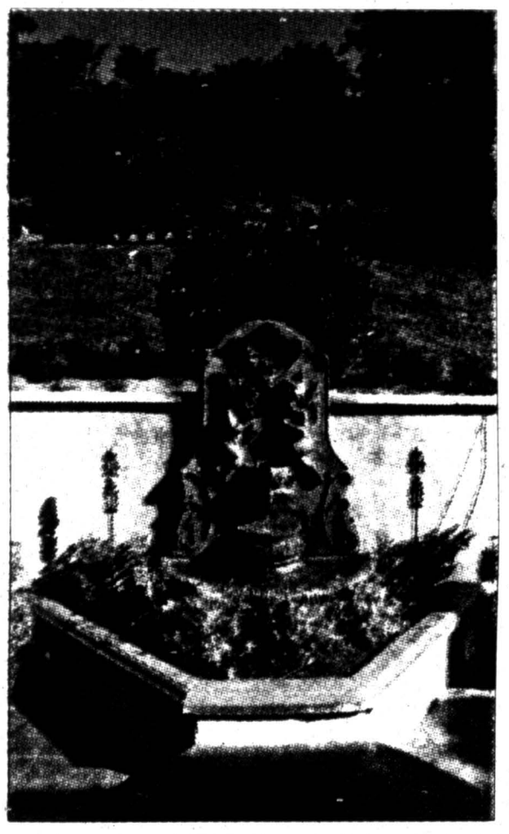

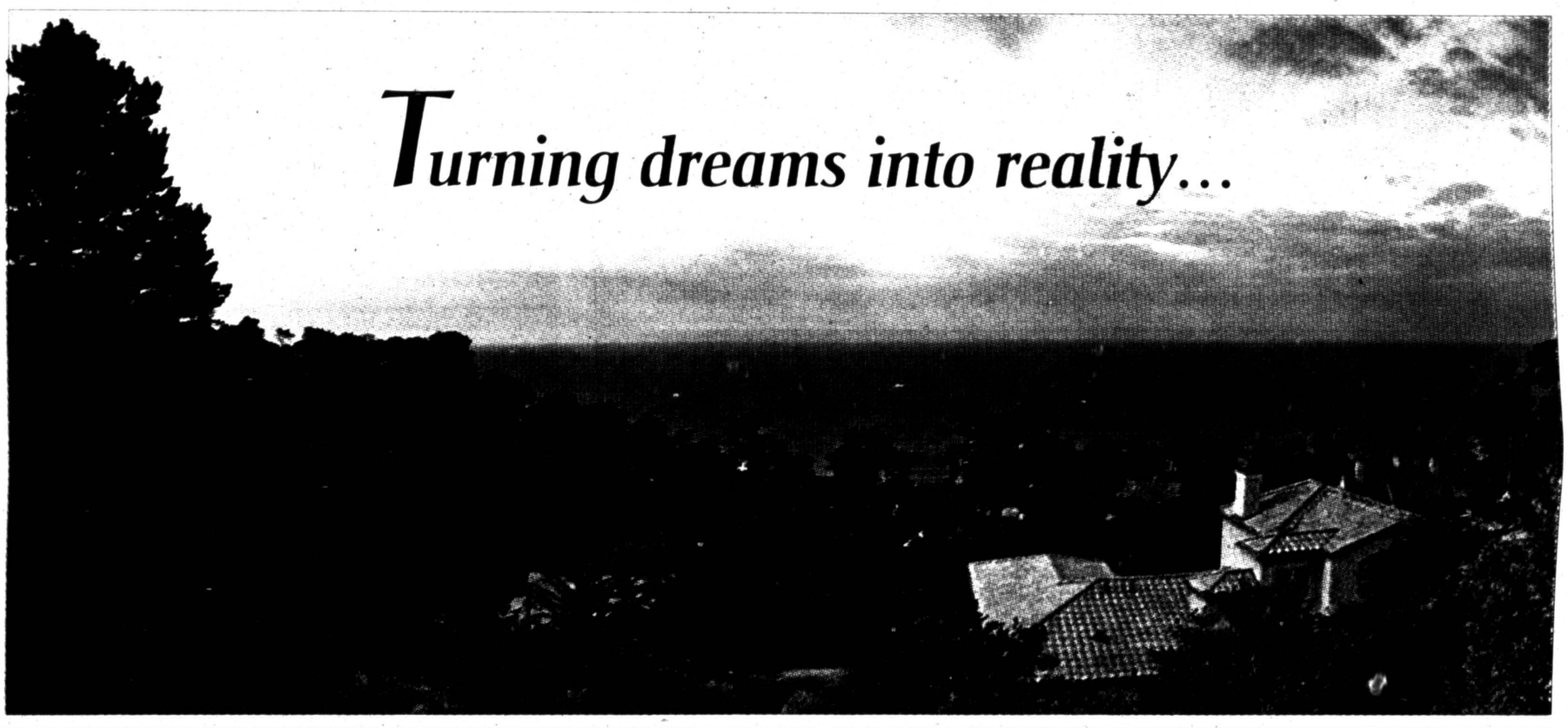

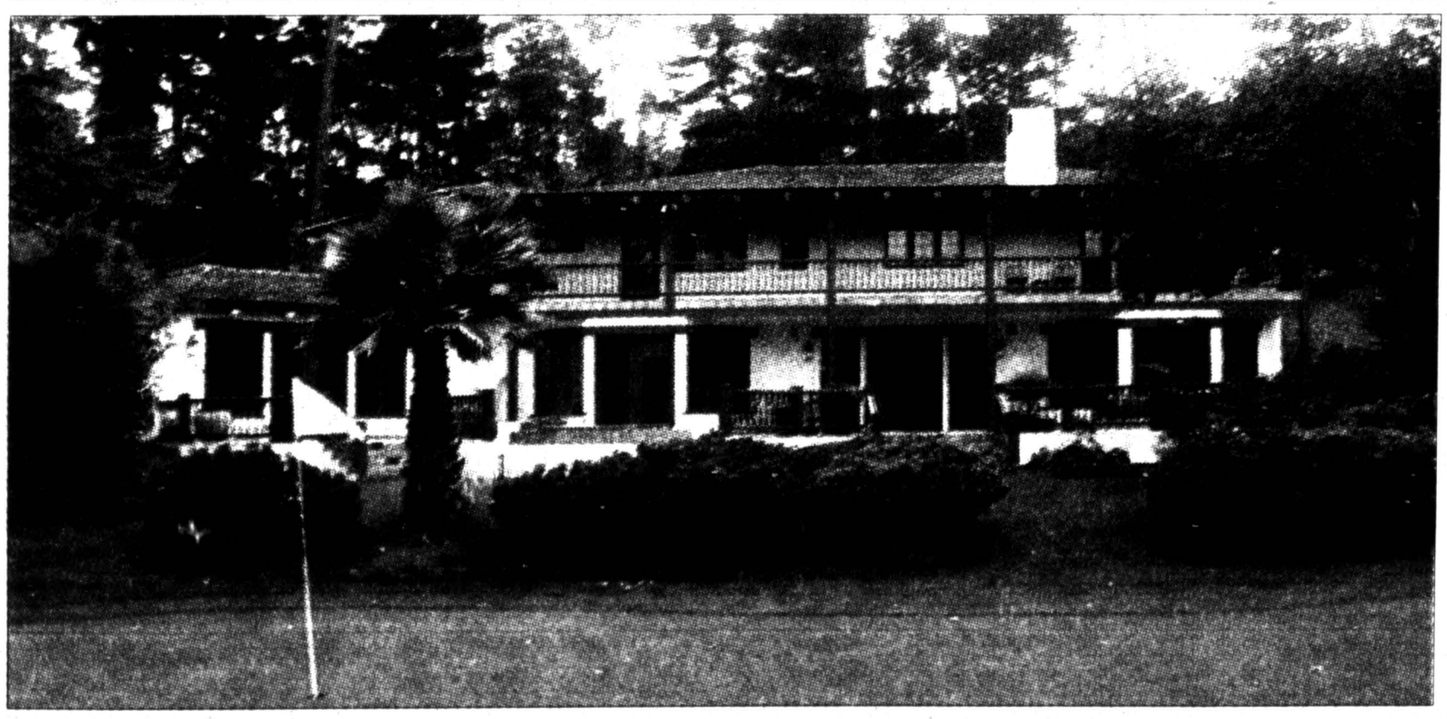

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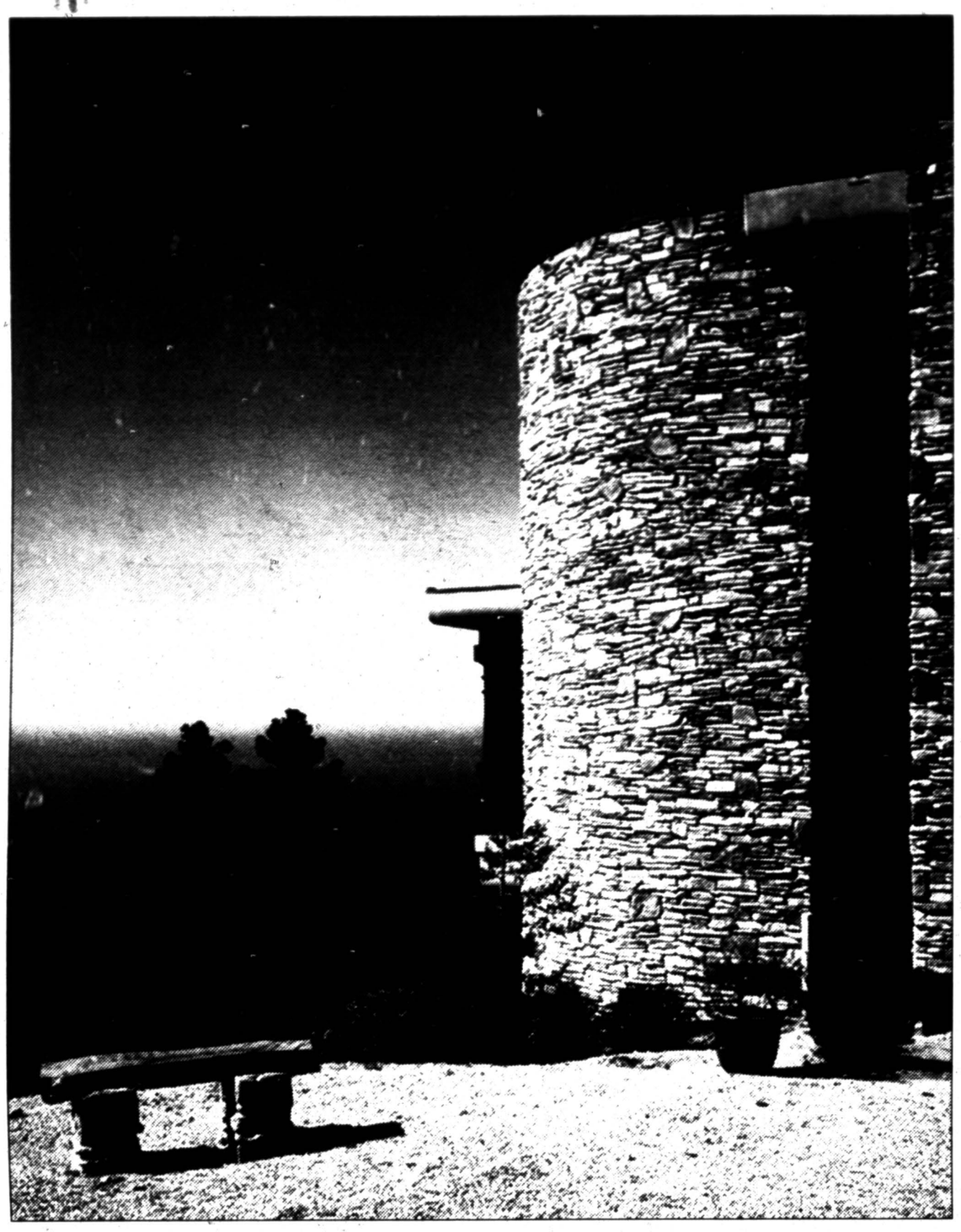

From its ridgetop setting, the German's dramatic home has a stunning view of the vast Pacific. You can't quite see all the way to China — but almost.

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By PAUL MILLER

CARMEL HIGHLANDS is renowned for its mountainous terrain, dense forests and dramatic views of the Pacific.

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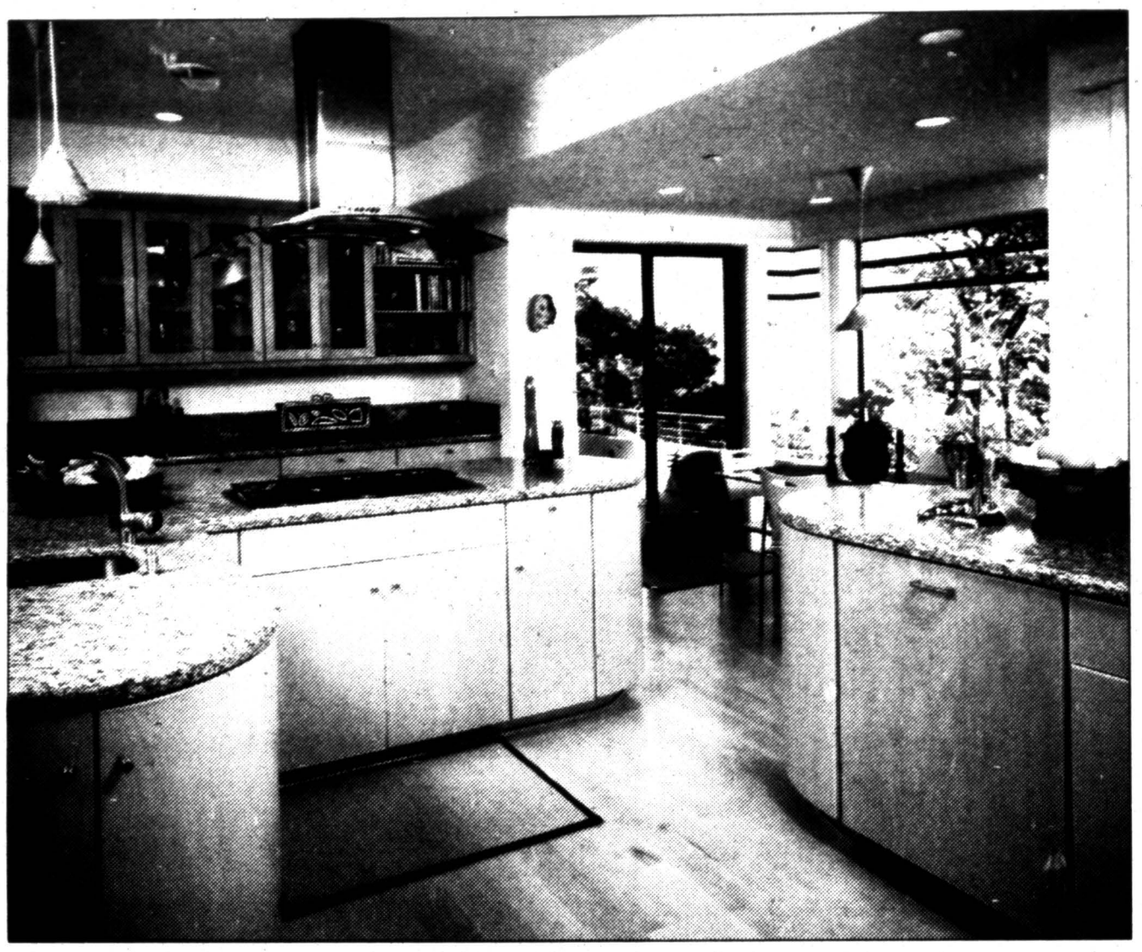
"It takes me six minutes to get down to Highway 1, and then it's just another five minutes to Rio Road," said Holly.



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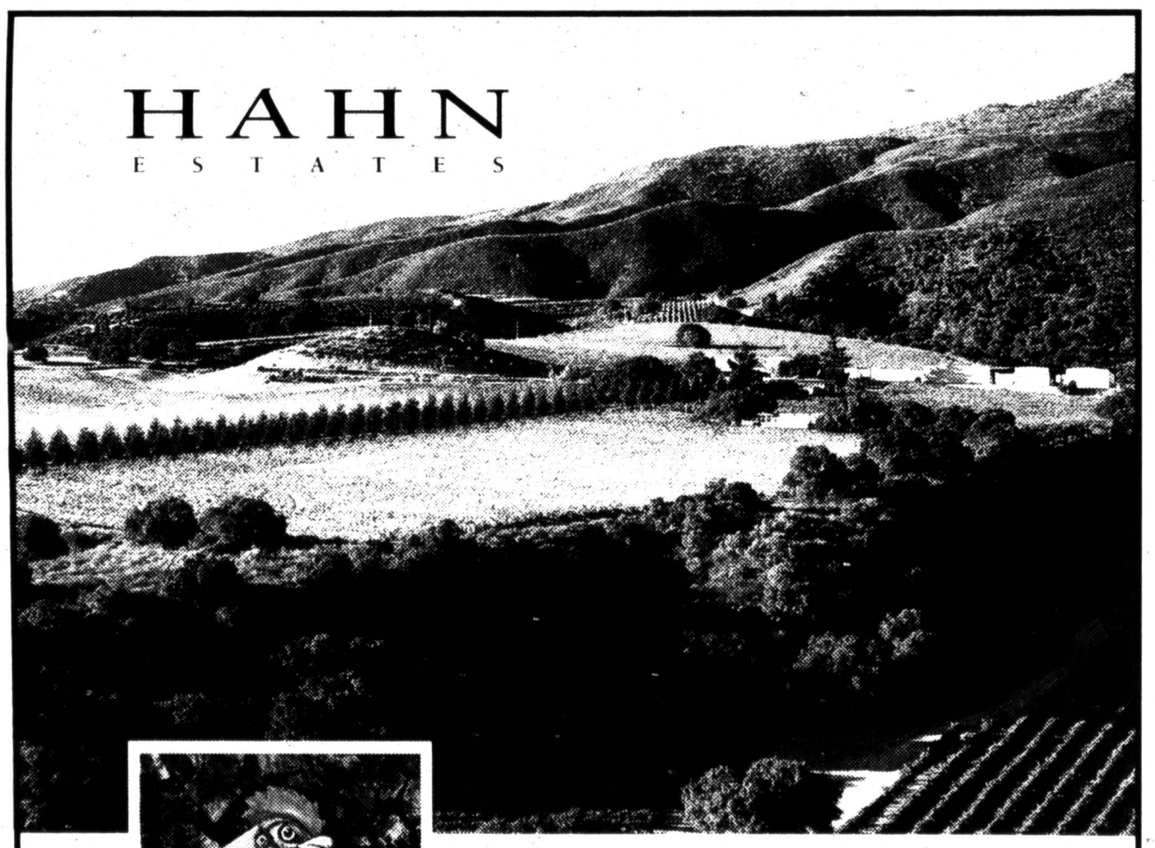

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Her husband, a vascular surgeon with Prime Care in Salinas, especially appreciates the elimination of traffic jams on Highway 1 through Carmel after the climbing lane opened in 2000. Without that, he might not be able to respond to emergency calls from his dramatic mountaintop home, designed by Carmel architects Roger Larsen and Alan Turpen.

"The concept was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's 'Fallingwater' in Pennsylvania," Holly wrote in a personal essay about how her home was built. "Every design element, color choice, fabric, custom designed furnishing and surface material used in this project melds the interior and the architectural design to the natural setting."

### Christmas surprise

Holly and Rich German met on a blind date in Los Angeles in 1983. They had both been married before, and their earlier lives included visits to Carmel.

"Our hearts were here, through previous marriages," Rich said.

"I married my high school sweetheart, and we honeymooned in Carmel," Holly agreed. "It was always in the back of my mind that I'd like to live here."

But when they began thinking about their dream home after their 1986 wedding, the first place they looked was the north shore of Kauai.

"We actually found a five-acre parcel, and we made an offer on it," Holly said. "It would have been one of those 99-year leases, and we had this crazy idea that Rich could commute from his medical practice in Los Angeles." But as soon as they got home, they realized Hawaii was just too far. And that's when their thoughts returned to the Monterey Peninsula.

In August 1988 they met with an agent from Coldwell Banker, who showed them numerous properties, including a 25-acre parcel in the Highlands that had just come on the market for $400,000.

"It was at the top of a winding dirt road, and when we got up there, it just took our breath away," Holly recalled. "It was so beautiful."

"We fell in love with the property," Rich said. "It really captured us."

Despite their infatuation, they went back to Los Angeles without making an offer. At least that's what Holly thought.

"Four months later, she asked me, 'Whatever happened to that lot in Carmel?' and I said, 'I think it's in escrow,' which it was," Rich recalled. "Our escrow."

"He had a complete poker face. I had no idea what he was up to," Holly said, still laughing about the surprise she received more than 15 years ago.

On Christmas Day, a card was tucked into the tree in their Huntington Harbor home. Rich had composed a poem that concluded with the announcement that his gift was the 25 acres above Point Lobos.

"She couldn't finish reading it because she was crying," Rich said.

### Lions at the door

As every local knows, acquiring a piece of land is probably the easiest part of building a new home in the Carmel area. And

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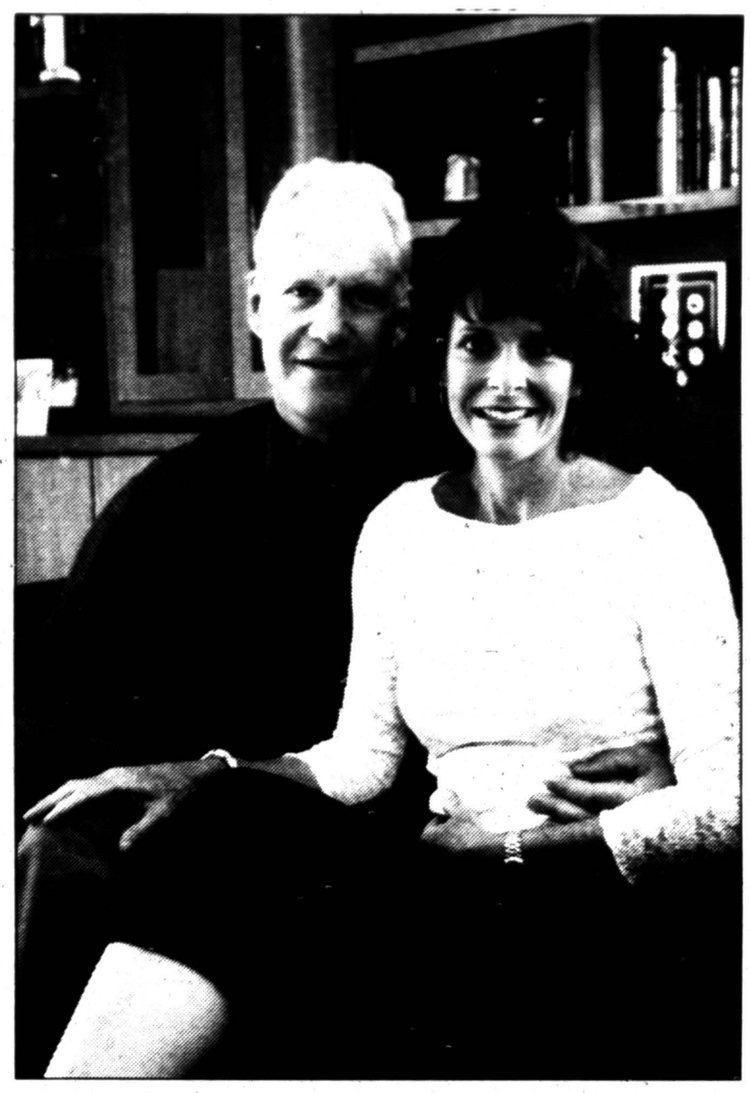

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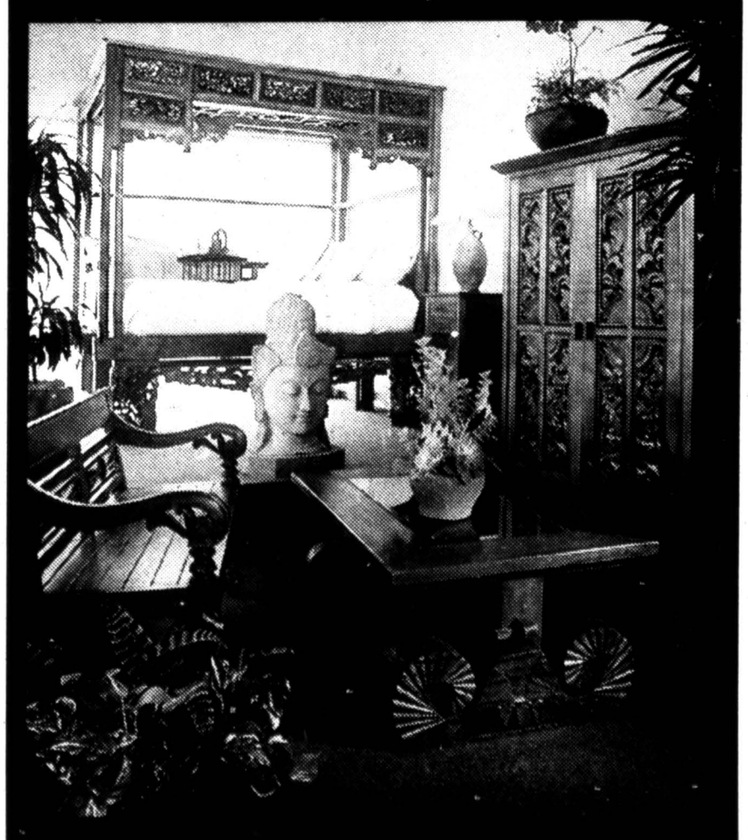
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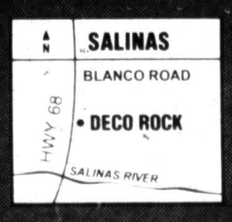

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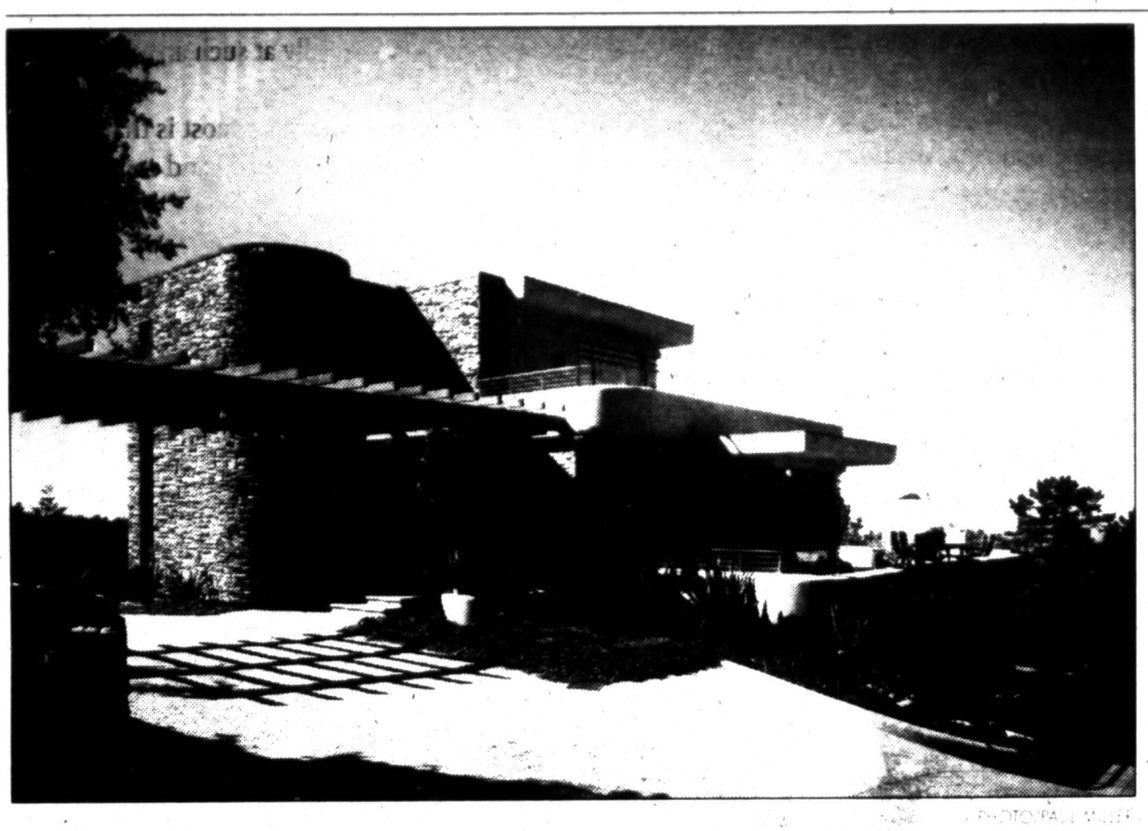

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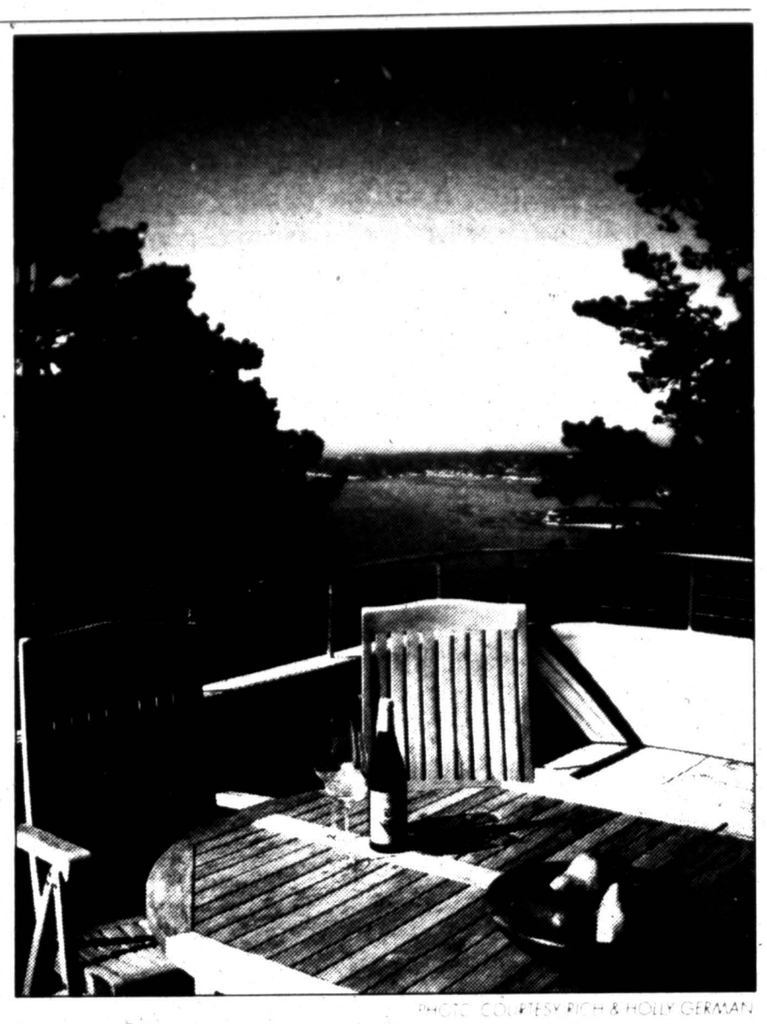
**The home was inspired by the Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece, Fallingwater, which is famously cantilevered over a Pennsylvania stream. The Germans' version perches at the edge of The Carmel Highlands, affording privacy and plenty of great views, but also easy access to downtown Carmel's shops and restaurants. The deck at right overlooks Carmel Point and Pebble Beach.**



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# Germans

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when Rich and Holly started, they didn't even have a water supply or electricity at their slice of paradise.

"The seller agreed to pay for a well to be drilled to whatever depth was required to reach water," according to Holly. "We found some at 250 feet, but we ended up drilling to 500."

Next awaited all sorts of problems with architects, contractors and lawyers. And ahead lay an arduous, years-long permit process. In the meantime, they found a way to enjoy their property by camping on it.

"We'd come up on summer weekends and pitch a tent under an old oak," Rich said. "We'd bring up friends and our daughters — it was just a dirt road and a little trail over to the campsite."

One night, everyone's sleep was interrupted by a tremendous scream. Later, a paw print from a mountain lion was found not far from their tent. A few months later, another night's rest was disturbed by a deep-throated growl and then a blood-curdling screech.

"The way you deal with a lion is to make yourself as big and scary as possible," Rich said. "I let out a yell as loud as I could, and you could hear him running off in the distance. He had been right outside."

Another encounter ended when Holly pushed the PANIC button on her car key, scaring the lion with the resulting alarm.

Despite those frightening moments, the oak tree where they camped was carefully preserved when the house was finally built. And their love for its wild surroundings wasn't diminished.

"Every day I'm up here, I appreciate the natural surroundings," Holly said, comfortably perched on a sofa in her living room. "The environment improved the house."

### Sixty-one problems

Before that melding of nature and architecture could become reality, the Germans had a marathon to run: "the permit process."

"We were clueless as to what we were facing," Holly said. "Nobody told us when they sold us the property that we'd have so many hoops to jump through."

But jump they did. "There was no opposition from the neighbors, but it still took more than two years, including six planning commission meetings. The commissioners kept saying, 'We're concerned about this,' or 'Why don't you change that?' Our last attorney, Tony Lombardo, was the key to getting us through it," Holly said.

After six months of nondecision by the county planning commission, they appealed their permit to the board of supervisors, which approved it unanimously — with 61 conditions.

But the delay had an upside.

"Because it was so long between the time we started the design and the time we built, we had all kind of ideas about how to improve things," Holly acknowledged.

The finished house is on three levels, with two guest bedroom suites, wine cellar, exercise and laundry rooms and three-car garage on the lowest.

The main level, with its open floor plan and walls of glass, consists of a slate entryway, two-story light well, library, living room, dining room and kitchen.

A suspended, curved maple-and-mahogany-capped staircase with circular skylight leads to the 1,800-square-foot master suite on the top level, with a dramatic master bathroom featuring slate floors and curved shower, jetted bath, granite slab countertops and custom-designed lighting. A mahogany platform bed and bedside tables by designer Ted Boerner look onto the cantilevered terrace and the Pacific ocean.

Features of the house include mitered windows (to take advantage of the views), radiant heating throughout, hardwood


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maple flooring on the main level, custom maple cabinets in the kitchen and bedroom suites and either granite or travertine slab countertops. The fabrics used for the custom-made bedding and furnishings in all bedroom suites are by renowned textile designer Jack Lenor Larsen. Doors throughout the house are mahogany, and the front door, custom-carved from a slab of solid mahogany, features leaded-glass panels in a Frank Lloyd Wright design. The library features an Eames chair and ottoman, a built-in desk and shelves, entertainment center and display cabinets built on a curved wall that sweeps the view out to the ocean through the two-story mitered multipaned window.

Everything is solidly built, the Germans point out, to withstand the fierce southwesterly winds that accompany winter storms on the California coast — especially at such an exposed house.

"When we have guests, the comment I hear most is that the architecture is dramatic, yet our house is so warm and comfortable," Holly said.


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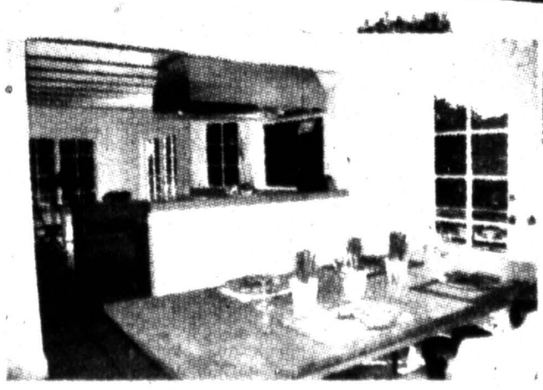

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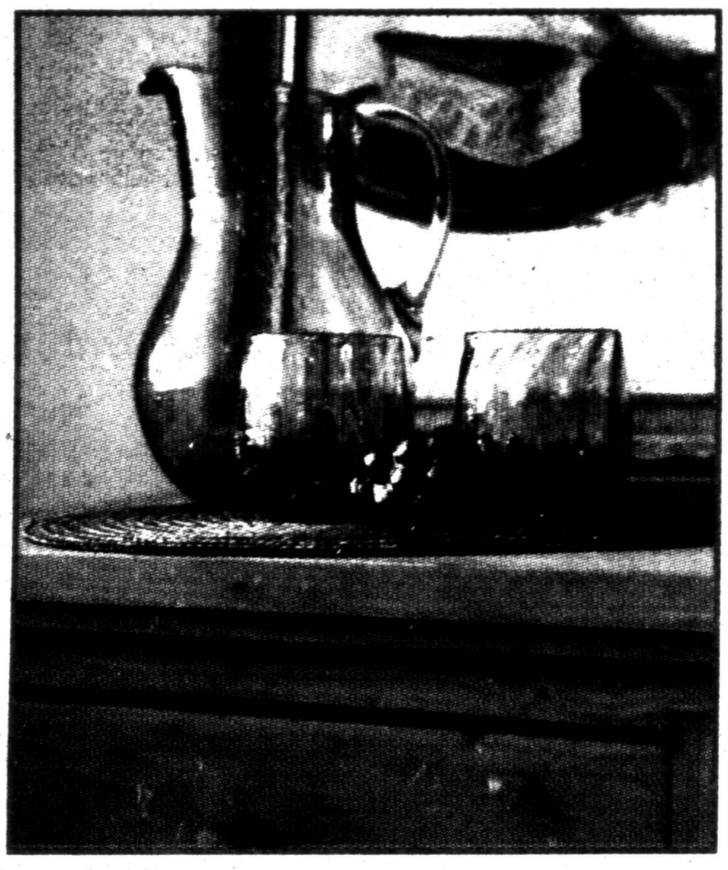

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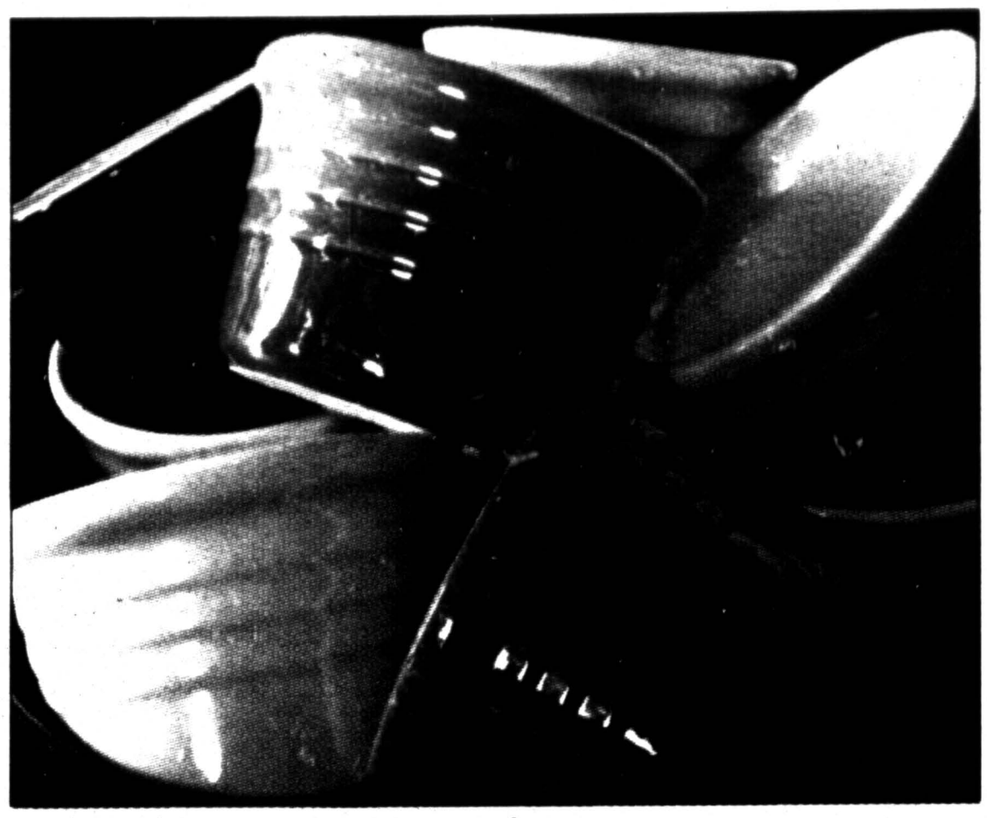

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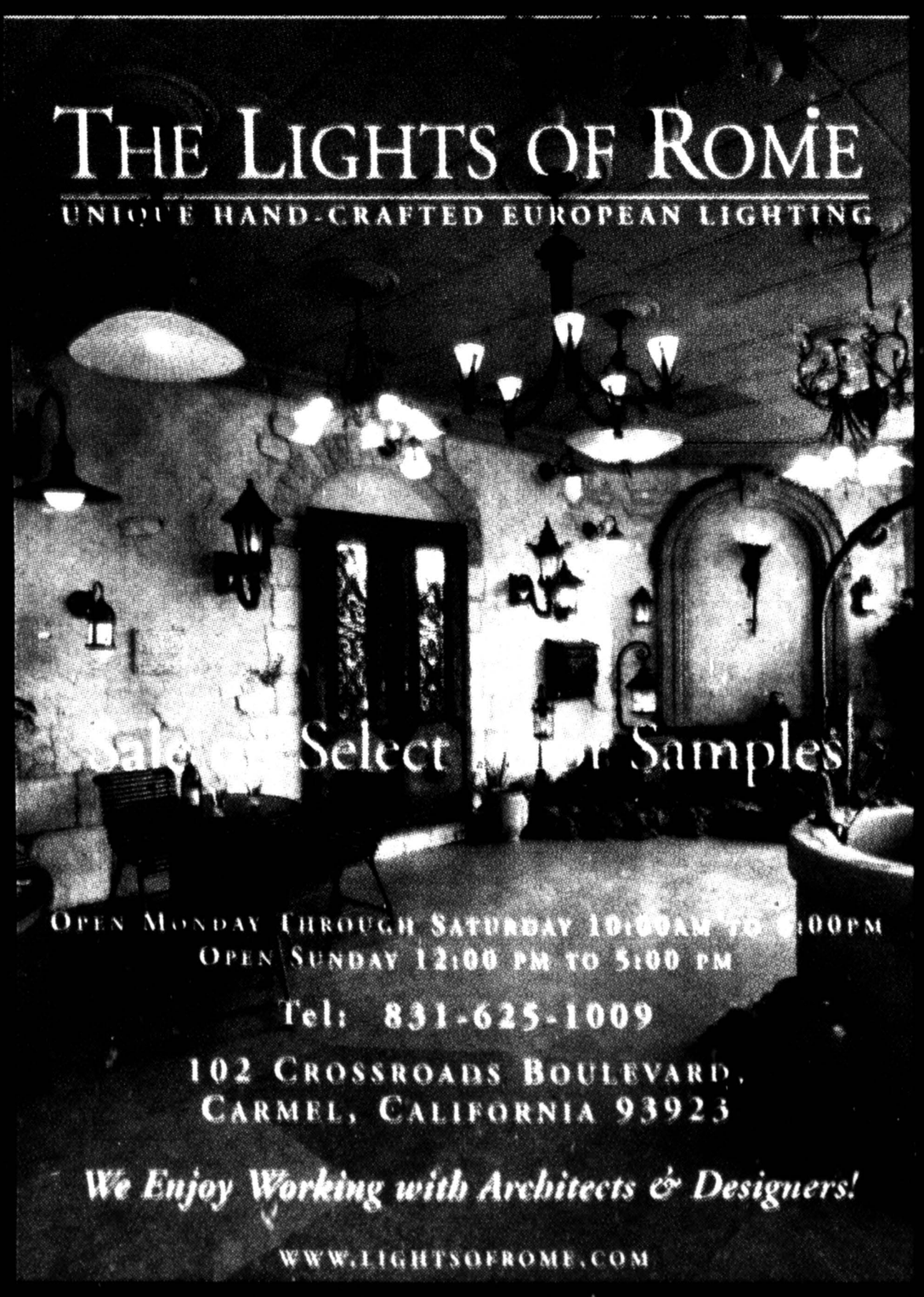
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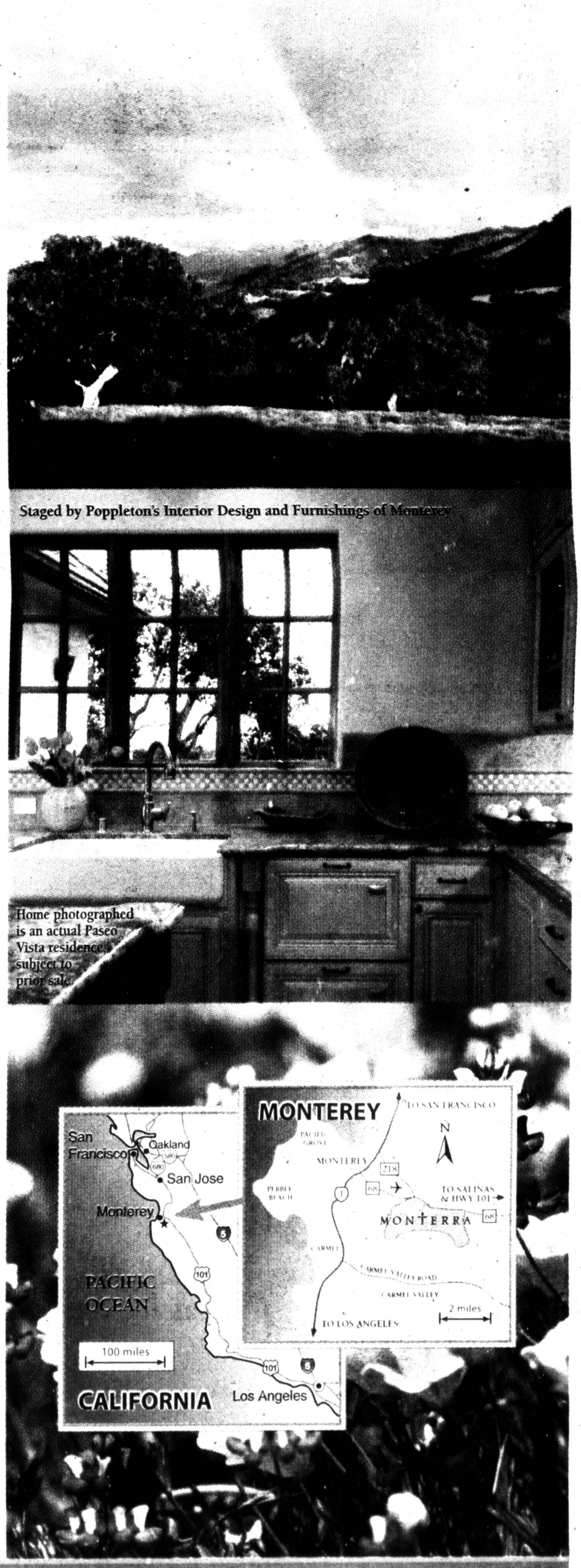


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*What suggestions would you have for how I should entertain?*

**Sincerely,**
**Norma Carney**

**Dear Mrs. Carney,**

My mother once asked me how many sets of china I needed. Well, the answer got me thinking about why I had so many collections of china, stemware, dinnerware and accessories for entertaining. It's because I like to match my mood and food when setting a table and entertaining our friends. Certainly there are times when the fine china comes out but we also like to use it simply because it's beautiful and we like the look. At other times Robert and I want our guests to have a more relaxed time we use more informal dinnerware.

As with all collections — and your dinnerware and entertaining accessories are collections — time and choice are what make it happen. Start with what you have and love. Now comes the hard part: Delete the things that are no longer appealing or in fine condition.

Now expand the collection. Do you need more dinner plates, cutlery or wine glasses? Select things that are compatible with the pieces you decided to keep. Don't try to purchase everything at once. I suggest sets of things to get you going. Buy eight wine glasses, eight plates or place settings, eight sets of cutlery. You may find six of everything is enough. The Japanese group in sets of five. Whatever works for you.

You will find color and pattern are consistent if you let your choice reflect what you truly love and admire. The finest set of china I own is a combination of patterns on different plates and service pieces. At the moment I own five sets of silver cutlery, each with a particular style, that I combine with the six complete sets of china and various smaller sets I use for more intimate gatherings.

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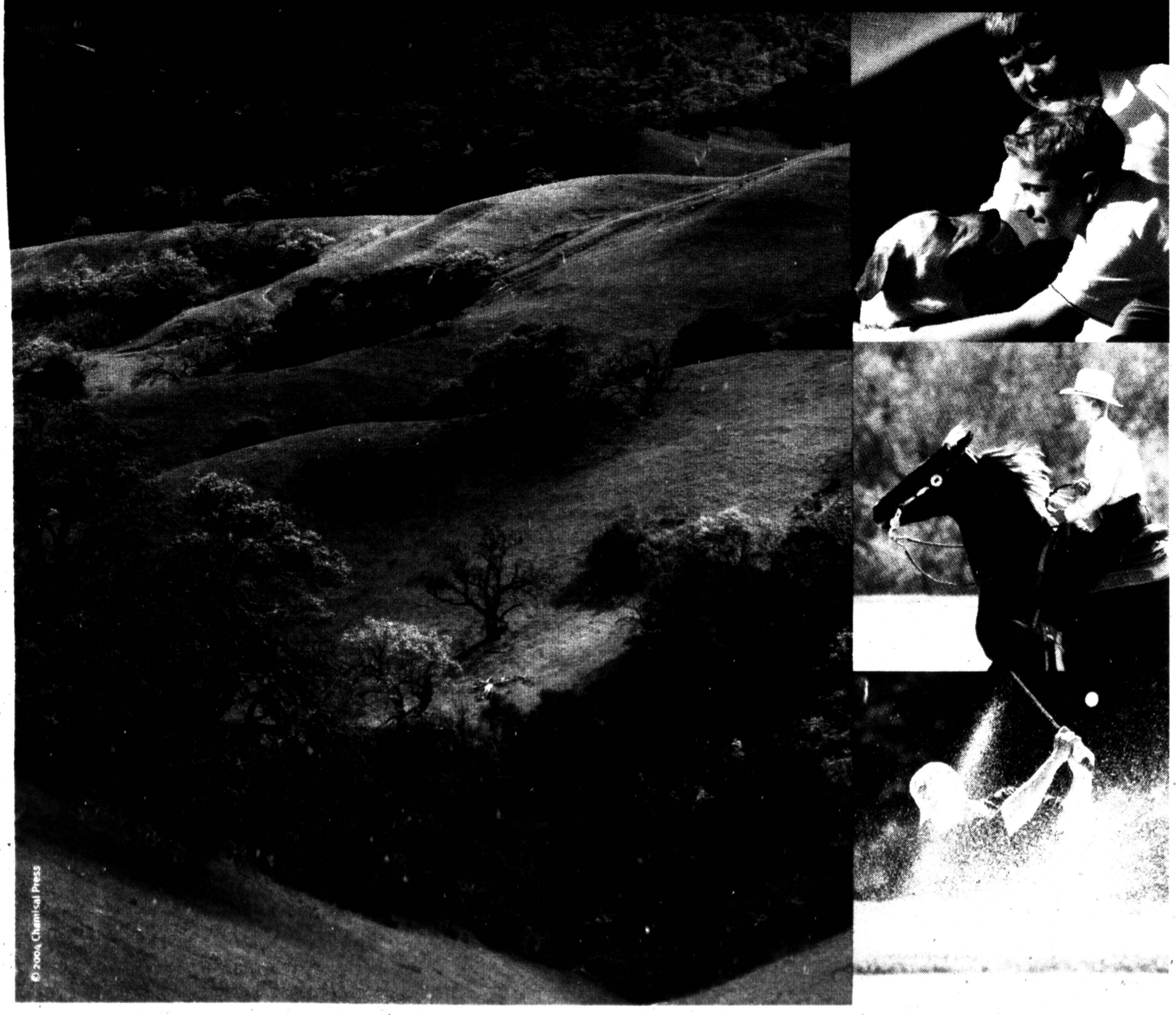

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around a table set in front of the fireplace in the living room is just the right touch. For that I have a particular round table cloth that fits on my kitchen table and drops to the floor. With wonderful plaid napkins to accent the color of the cloth and dinnerware in a modern Italian pattern, I add cutlery in an Art Deco design purchased at a flea market in Connecticut some years ago. The stemware is from Crate & Barrel in a more modern, simple, clear design. Although we do use Baccarat crystal we also own glass and inexpensive crystal stemware. All the choices give us a chance to create the mood we want for the group and the meal.

**Tom Williams**

Robert and I make a point of shopping flea markets, antique shows and auctions. There is a wealth of choice out there for the keen-eyed collector. Most of the things we buy are affordable and usually in very good condition.

Be willing to expand your idea of what is "correct" for your table. Add wonderful art glass as a centerpiece with a few small candles on the table for drama. A simple bowl with three to five flowers floating in the water can be very effective and beautiful. We have a dear friend who always uses kerosene lamps at dinner. The atmosphere, when it's foggy outside, is romantic in a "Wuthering Heights" way. Another friend collects single pieces from a particular china source. The place settings never match one another and at each meal we delight in the newest acquisition. Setting the right mood can be as simple as that.

Know what you like and be willing to share with your guests the collections you acquire. We always get some comment on the table setting which leads to discussions as far ranging as collecting, travel, art, interior design and cooking. For us the conversation and good company of friends and family is ultimately why we entertain.

Best of luck with your new and expanded collection.

■ *Tom Williams is a partner at Hale-Williams Interiors in the Crossroads Shopping Village, Carmel. He has practiced residential interior design for more than 30 years in America and abroad. To reach Mr. Williams, call (831) 625-6070 or visit www.hale-williams.com.*

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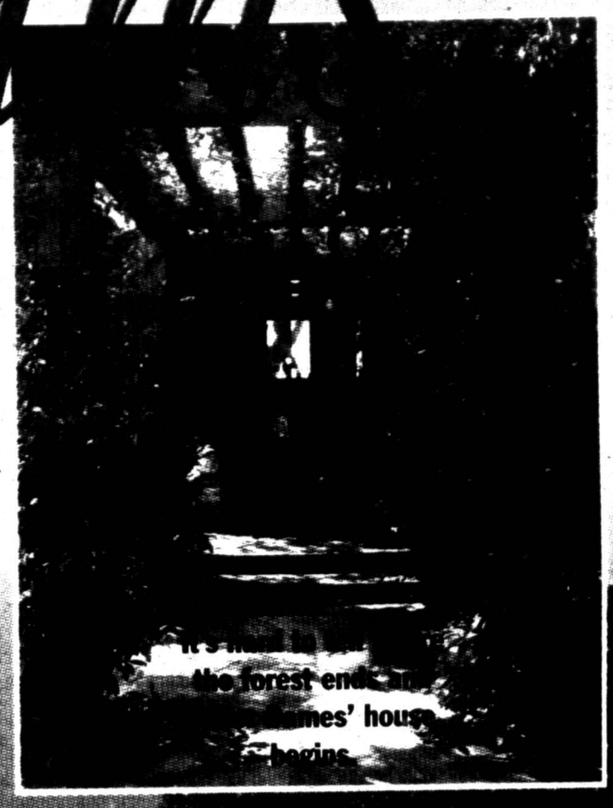


## Condors and Big Sur friends meet on "The Edge"

*"I'll never forget the first house I saw after I passed Hearst Castle. I said to myself, 'If I ever make it big I'm going to live here.'"* — **Peter Dames**

**Story and photos by CHRIS COUNTS**

BROWSE ANY Carmel real estate guide and it's easy to find an "ocean view home" with a tiny sliver of a peek at the sea, often obstructed by a neighbor's ever-expanding remodel.

Big Sur's Peter Dames will never have to worry about anything diluting his sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and coastline. Looking out across the sea from his deck, it's easy to see why he calls his Big Sur getaway "The Edge." Nestled in a grove of oaks along the thin spine of a ridge more than 700 feet above the pounding surf, Dames' hillside retreat would have made a perfect eagles' perch — except condors discovered it first.

On the day of this interview, a pair of California condors (there are an estimated 24 in Big Sur and fewer than 300 in the Northern Hemisphere) passed Dames' home — at nearly eye level and roughly 20 feet away. A weathered massage table sitting on his deck, its fabric shredded by condor talons, bears evidence of their occasional visits to The Edge. Perhaps they like the view here as well.

"On a clear day, you can see 35 miles, all the way down to Cape San Martin," said Dames, who lives with fiancée Tarasa Davis.

From the moment he set eyes upon Big Sur during a trip up the coast from Los Angeles to Seattle 35 years ago, Dames was intrigued by the stunning Central California coastline.

"I'll never forget the first house I saw after I passed Hearst Castle," Dames remembered. "I said to myself, 'If I ever make it big I'm going to live here.'"

As fate and hard work would have it, Dames did make it big, at least big enough to retire 23 years ago. After meeting future cable television mogul Ted Turner in his freshman year at Brown University, the two became fast friends.

"We were thrown out of school together," he recalled.

Later, Dames went to work for Turner's father, eventually becoming business partners with the son, who built a cable television empire and became one of the world's most successful businessmen.

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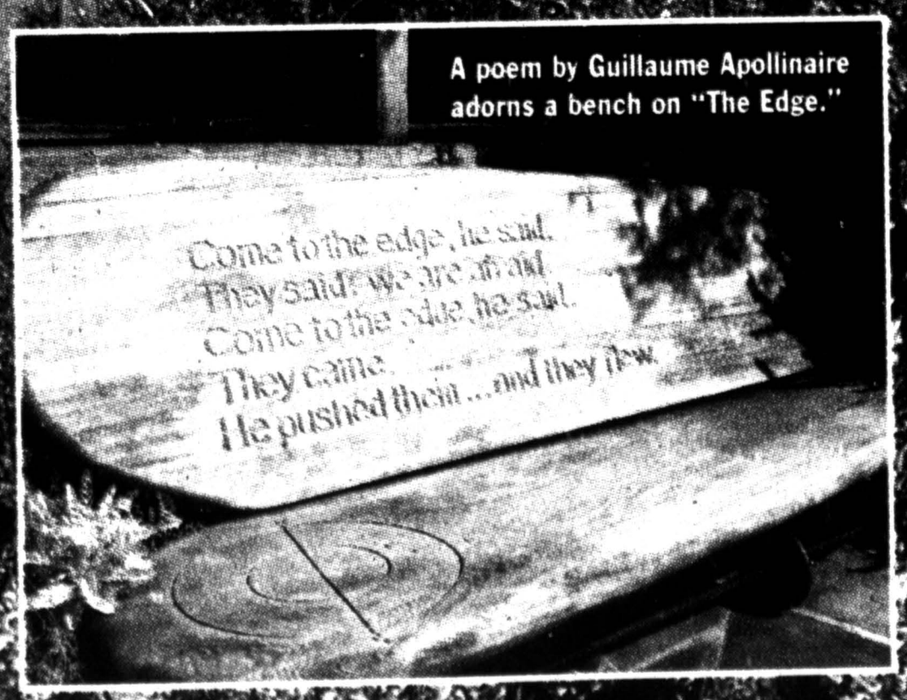
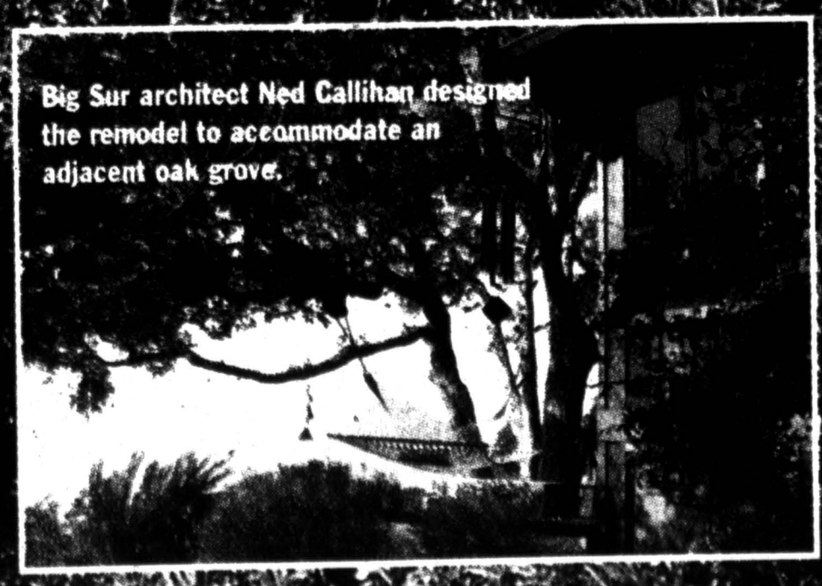



A poem by Guillaume Apollinaire adorns a bench on "The Edge."



Big Sur architect Ned Callihan designed the remodel to accommodate an adjacent oak grove.

# Edge

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Unlike his longtime friend, Dames decided he wanted to retire from work to enjoy life. So to Turner's dismay, he decided, in his own words, "to become a beach bum."

"Money is something to enjoy," Dames said. "All I want to do is live out my life in relative contentment and happiness."

The former partners stayed friends, and when Turner bought a house in Big Sur, Dames became a frequent visitor. Ever the sharp businessman, he took advantage of a lull in real estate prices after El Niño storms battered the Big Sur Coast in 1998 and purchased the property he now calls home.

"They're not making any more coastline," Dames decided.

The house itself is a simple, yet elegant 1,800-square-foot wood structure with an emphasis on windows that reveal the property's jaw-dropping views.

"It's very livable," Dames said. "There are no gold faucets, but it's efficient and self-contained. It's compact, like a yacht."

The yacht-like feel of the house suits his fiancée Davis — as a competitive boater, she won a bronze medal in the 1991 Pan-American games in Cuba.

From her desk in front of a south-facing window, Davis telecommutes to her job as a consultant, occasionally taking a break to admire a big blue view framed by the branches of oak trees.

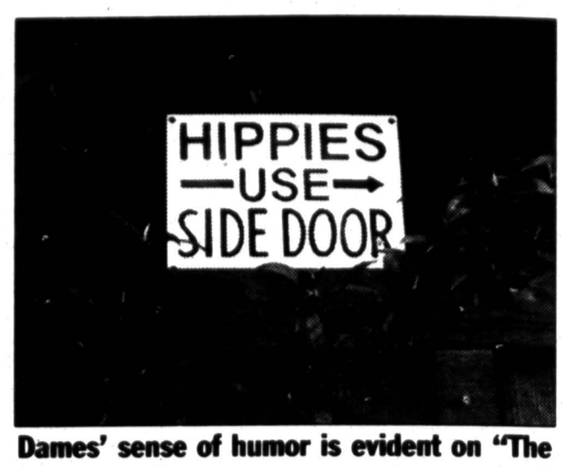
While the design of the house was clearly not intended to compete with the stunning natural world that surrounds it, the house blends in so well with the adjacent oaks that it appears the trees are part of a perfectly executed landscaping plan. To the contrary, the oaks were there long before Dames ever considered remodeling the property's existing house.

So instead of creating a landscaping plan to accentuate the design of a house, architect Ned Callihan came up with a set of drawings that accommodated the oaks.

"We worked around the branches and avoided them whenever possible," said Callihan. "Overhanging limbs can be a hazard. We kept some at Peter's request. The trees were very important in his selection of the property and design requirements of his house."

A meticulously planned and beautifully landscaped multi-level deck was also constructed with the trees in mind, utilizing a cantilever system to extend its size without harming any roots.

Callihan has been called "Big Sur's other architect," a compliment and a reference to longtime resident and designer Mickey Muennig's enduring acclaim. After settling into a comfortable career as an urban designer in Cincinnati, Callihan "dropped out" in 1980, eventually landing at the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, where he joined the staff as a massage therapist. He started designing houses again in 1996, and by his own count, he and Muennig are the only full-time architects with a 93920 ZIP code.




**Dames' sense of humor is evident on "The Edge."**

When he first arrived in Big Sur 25 years ago, Callihan was so impressed, he recorded a video — complete with clothing-optional bathing in the hot springs — of Esalen and the coast. He mailed a copy to a close friend, Dale Diesel, in Cincinnati. The Midwest was hit by a particularly harsh winter that year. Diesel didn't waste any time time packing his bags, and after nearly two decades of living in Big Sur, he found himself and his old Cincinnati buddy working together on Dames' house.

### Redwood and madrone

To add a natural touch, Diesel constructed tables, lamps and hand railings out of local redwood and madrone.

"I think the house really suits Peter well," said Diesel, a carpenter who works for Frank Pinney, the contractor who built Dames' house. "I think one of Ned's best qualities if

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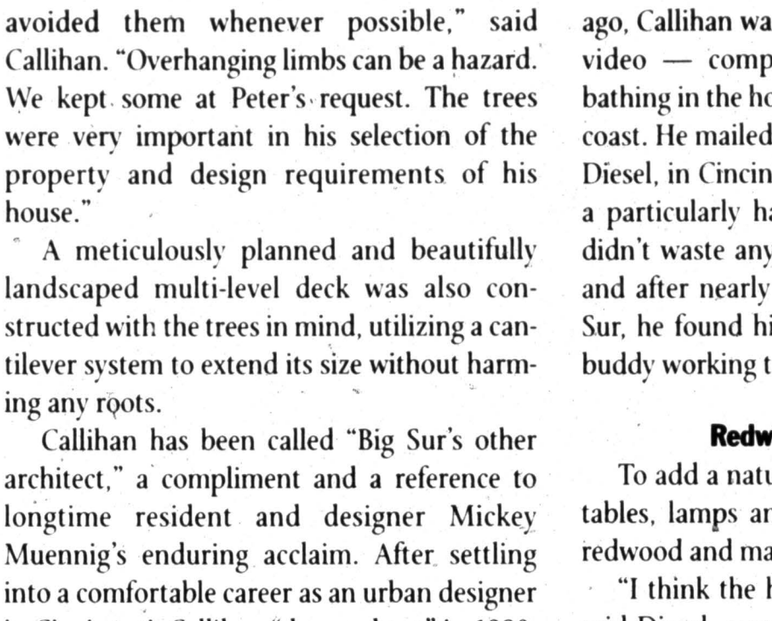

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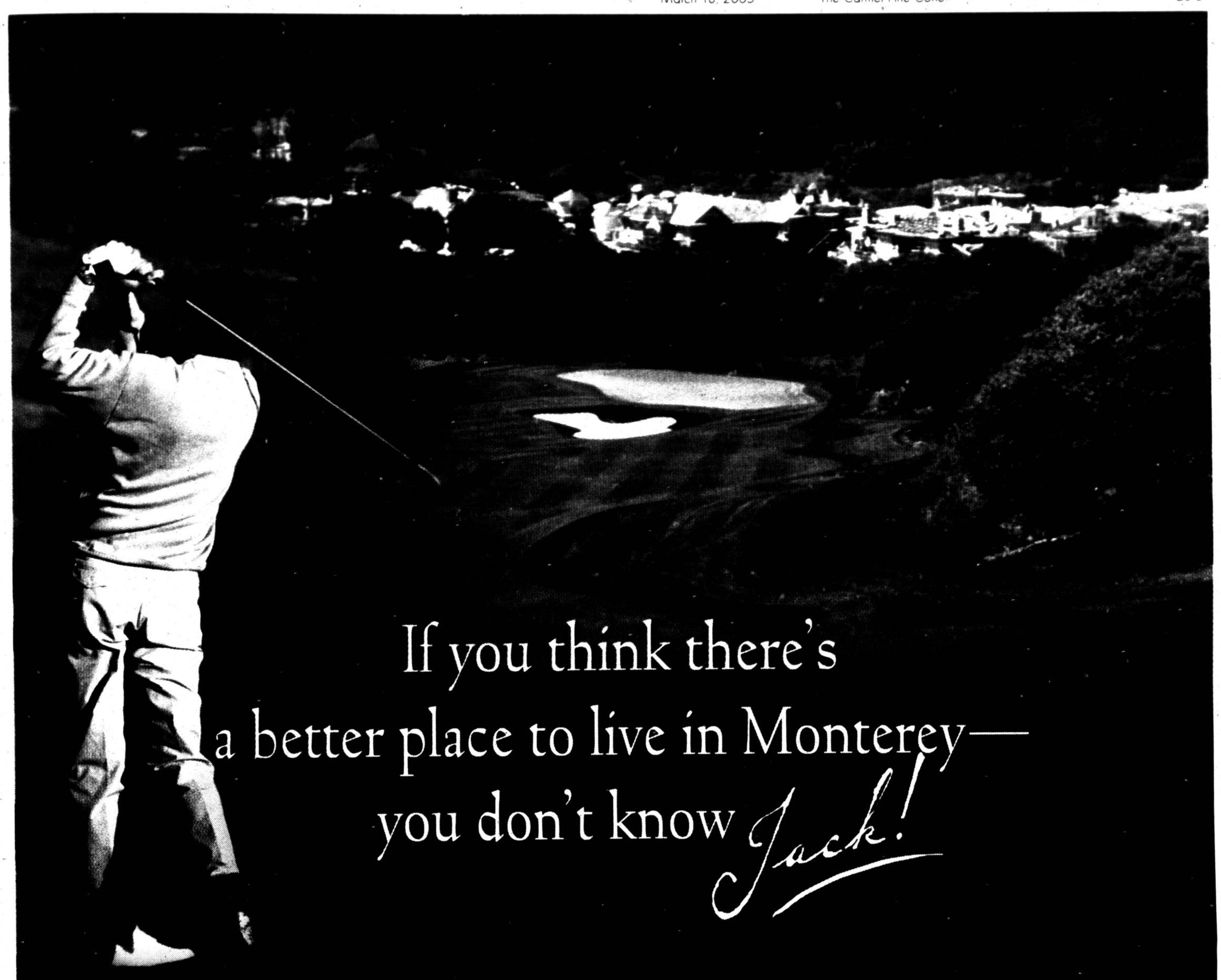

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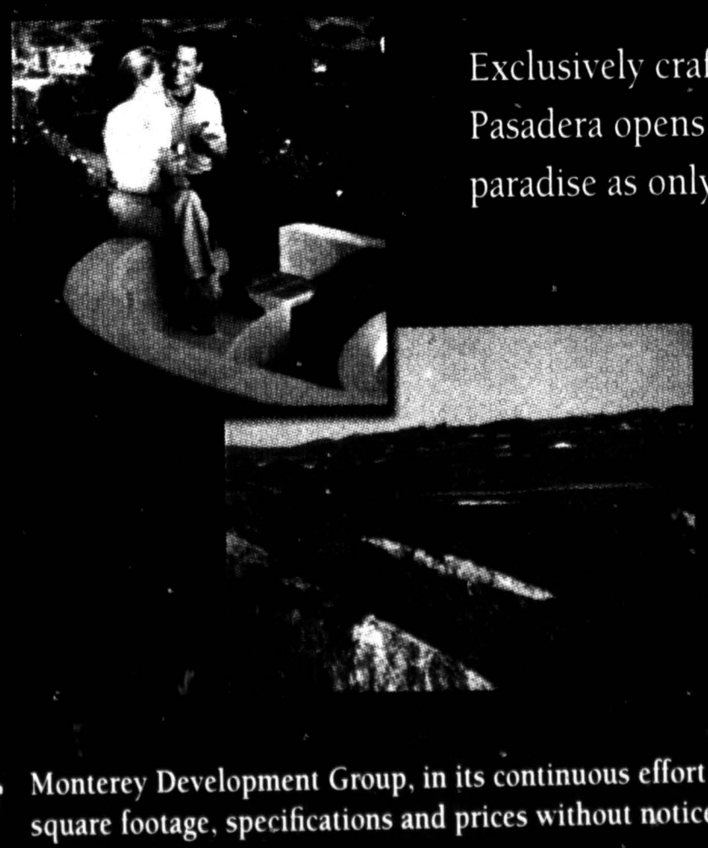

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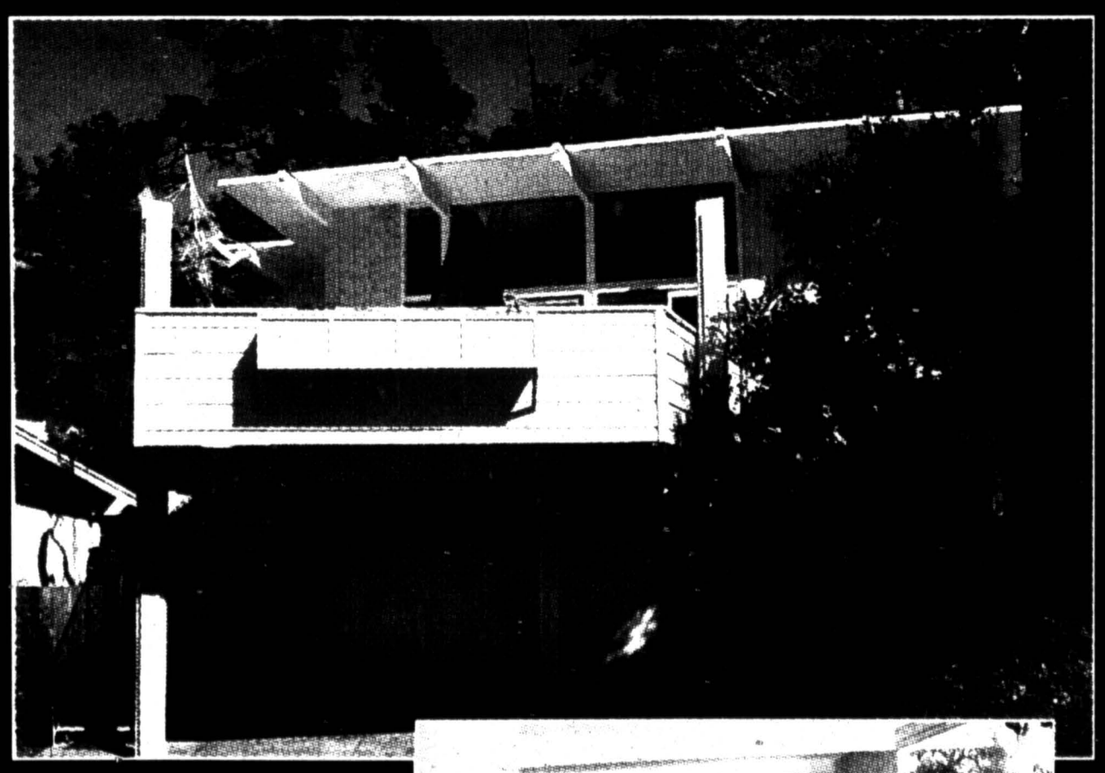

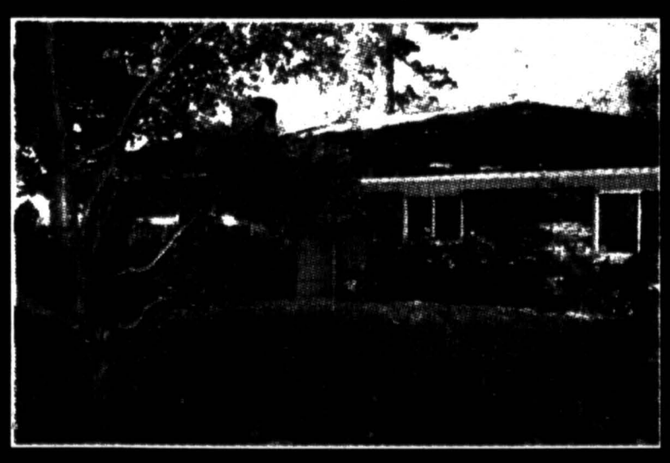

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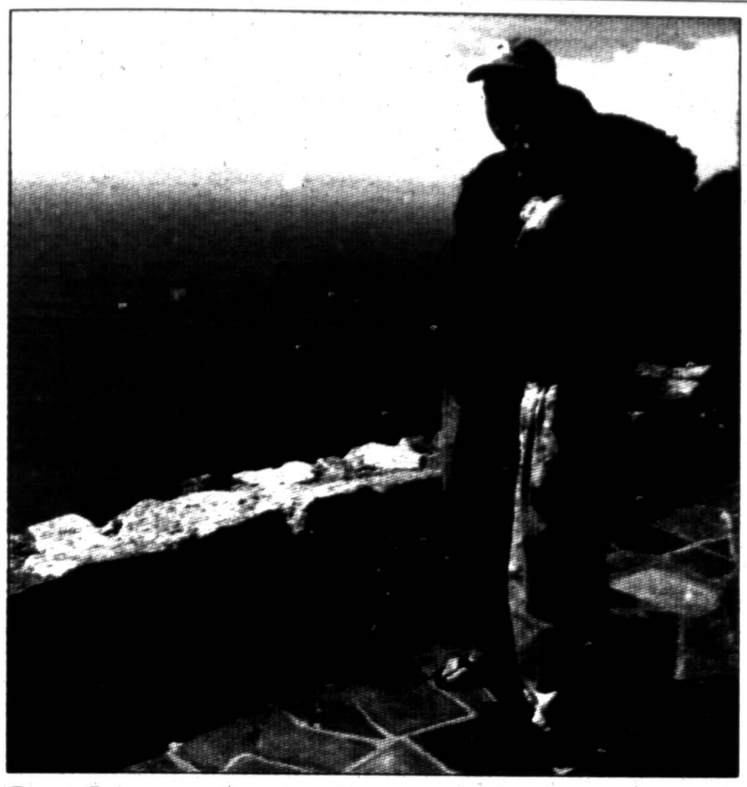

**Peter Dames and Tarasa Davis enjoy the view from "The Edge."**

# Dames

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that he really gives the client what he wants."

Dames held a contest to name his place, and Diesel submitted, "The Edge" with an eponymous poem written by Guillaume Apollinaire. Dames liked the name so much he asked Diesel to carve the poem into a bench that sits, appropriately, at the edge of his deck.

Diesel said he and Dames became friends during the project. He and Callihan are now regulars at social events at The Edge.

"When we have a party, we get such an eclectic group of people here," said Dames, who clearly enjoys a good party.

Guests at a recent get-together included a former CIA operative, a pro golfer and one of the Beach Boys as well as a healthy dose of Big Sur denizens and characters. (The Beach Boy, Alan Jardine, has actually lived in Big Sur longer than most locals.)

"The most successful parties have a great mix of people," is Dames' social philosophy.

### Exalted snoozers

Featured prominently on a wall in Dames' house are photographs of partygoers who have fallen asleep before festivities ended. When Pinney nodded off at one of Dames' parties, he joined the wall of exalted snoozers.

For a place located in a remote location, Big Sur has a surprisingly interesting human population. You never know who you're neighbors are, until they stop by to borrow something.

"One of the Red Hot Chili Peppers (bassist and part-time Big Sur resident, Flea) came by recently because he ran out of laundry detergent," Dames said.

Dames and Davis have clearly been embraced by the local community, and the feeling is mutual.

"Living here is a way of life," said Davis. "It's a place of incredible beauty combined with wonderful people with big hearts that make me feel right at home."


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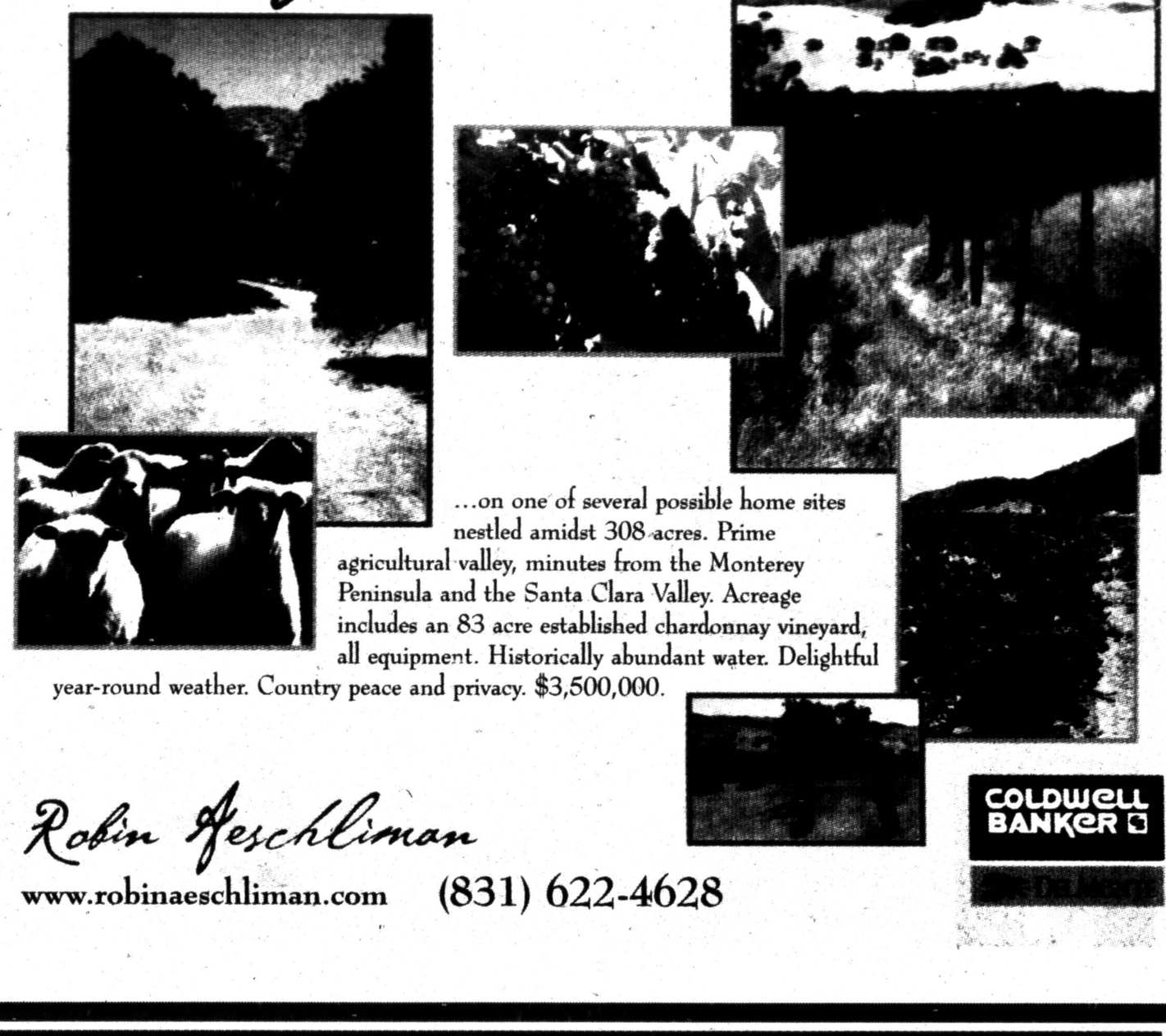

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# Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club lets spring begin

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE GREEN-THUMBED women who made Sunset Center bloom last spring will work their magic again next month, when they transform the center to a verdant, plant-filled paradise for "Let Spring Begin." The April 23 event, organized by several of the club's 45 active members, promises a lush display of flowers and plants for sale, presentations by two nationally known experts in the floral and landscaping worlds, a silent auction, and even gourmet box lunches.

Let Spring Begin marks the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club's major fundraising effort in support of the Harrison Memorial Library garden restoration project this year. Plans for the garden have been approved by the city, and the drive to raise funds for the transformation is in full swing.

Four Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club members (left to right) Francie Campbell, Cecily Butts, Judy Allrich and Bridget Booth, built birdhouses they would later paint, decorate and plant with succulents, flowers and small greenery. The finished houses will be auctioned at the club's April 23 fundraiser.

Sunset Center's doors will open at 10 a.m. April 23, followed shortly thereafter by acclaimed landscaper Bernard Trainor's talk on "The New California Garden — Embracing Climate, Culture and History Through Garden Design." During his decades of work, Trainor has practiced his trade in three countries, received many awards and written a book and articles for numerous publications.

With a professed passion for creating gardens within a property's natural and constructed contexts — and often working in cahoots with the architect — Trainor emphasizes balance in his designs. Using a broad planting palette accented with artistic features, Trainor creates environments that resonate with the people who walk through them each day, whether to seek quiet among a freeform growth of native plants or to enjoy the structure and pattern of an English-style garden.

The native Australian entered the trade via a horticultural apprenticeship. His talent revealed, he received the Victorian Overseas Foundation scholarship in 1988 and subsequently spent two years designing and studying in Europe and Britain.

He moved to California in 1995 and has since created a stunning array of gardens at homes and businesses, as well as the Eastern Australian Garden in San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum Botanical Garden. His Southern Hemisphere roots and work in Europe have taught him to "observe the genius of the place, connect with the architecture and be aware of the personality of the client," he said.

A write-up in the January issue of House & Garden quoted Trainor as desiring to help his clients connect with nature in the landscapes he

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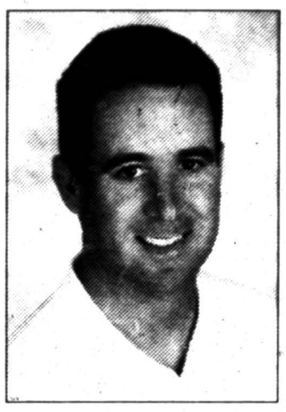

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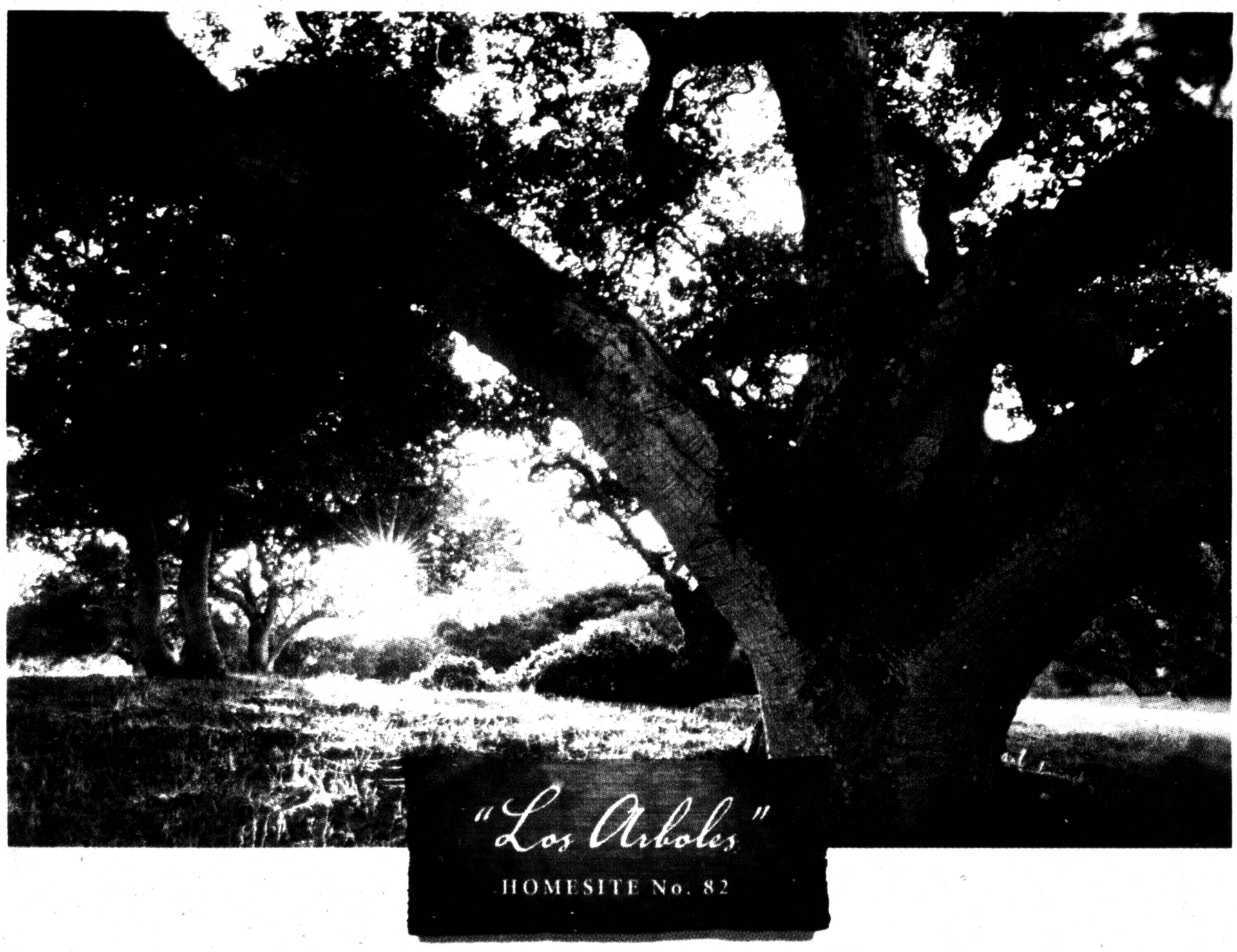


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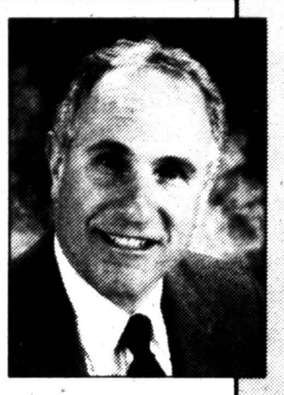

Tom Faia moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1952 and is a graduate of Carmel High School.
He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oregon State University and spent many years in Hollywood and Nashville working as a song-writer. Tom has been a Realtor since 1985 and resides in Pacific Grove with his wife and daughter.

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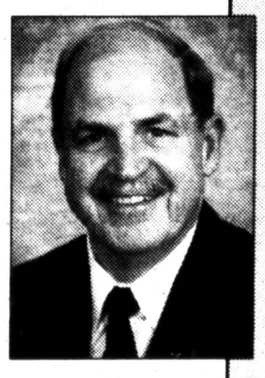

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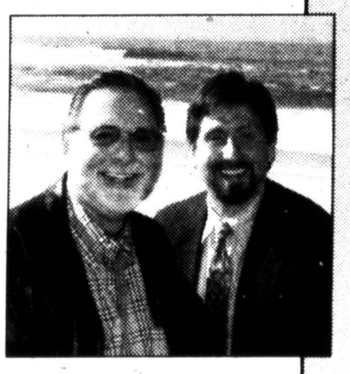

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**Smiling even as she works, garden club member Cecily Butts finishes assembling her soon-to-be-landscaped birdhouse.**

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# Garden Club

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designs.

"I like to put them back in touch with growth, death and the passage of time," he told the magazine. "It's something they can see in their gardens."

### The art of arranging for fun

At 1:30 p.m., internationally known floral designer Ron Morgan will demonstrate his unusual penchant for transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary when he uses a wide array of plants, flowers, fruits, vegetables, vessels and props.

PHOTO BY MARY ERICA LEE

**Francie Campbell adds potting soil to the terra-cotta base that holds a birdhouse built, painted and planted to sell at a silent auction.**

According to his bio, Morgan "has the honor of being one of the most sought-after lecturers in the country because of his incredible wit and extensive knowledge." He will explain the hows, the whys and the best ways to ensure creating unconventional and captivating pieces that are, above all else, fun.

Morgan's foray into floral arranging occurred in San Joaquin County, where he won his first competition at the age of 10. Trained in fine art at college, the medium beckoned to Morgan again, and he spent seven years in London and Sydney, Australia, designing window displays for Harrods and David Jones.

After returning to the states and plying his creative skills in interior design, retail and teaching, Morgan wrote "Center of Attention," focusing on how to replicate his lavish floral designs in cost-conscious ways. The book includes full-color images of his favorite designs.

On April 23 he will demonstrate four of "The Latest Spring Designs," which will be raffled at his presentation's conclusion.

**Judy Harrold, organizer of Let Spring Begin, paints one of the birdhouses to be sold at the event.**

**The rooftop of a yellow birdhouse was planted with similarly brightly colored succulents.**

In selecting the presenters, the garden club committee was charged with that task to consider "who would be the most attractive — who would draw the most people," club president Carol Sullivan said. "We also try to balance gardening and flower arranging."

Managing to bring Trainor and Morgan on board to talk for the event met the second goal and should meet the first. The lectures run $25 for one or $45 for both. Tickets may held at the door and reserved by mailing a check to the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club. P.O. Box 1972, Carmel, CA 93921. For more information, call (831) 622-7377.

### Retail therapy

Falling a month into spring, the April 23 event will afford guests the opportunity to ornament their homes and gardens as

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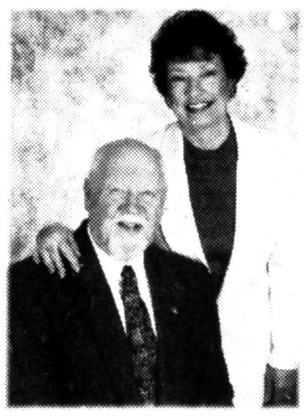

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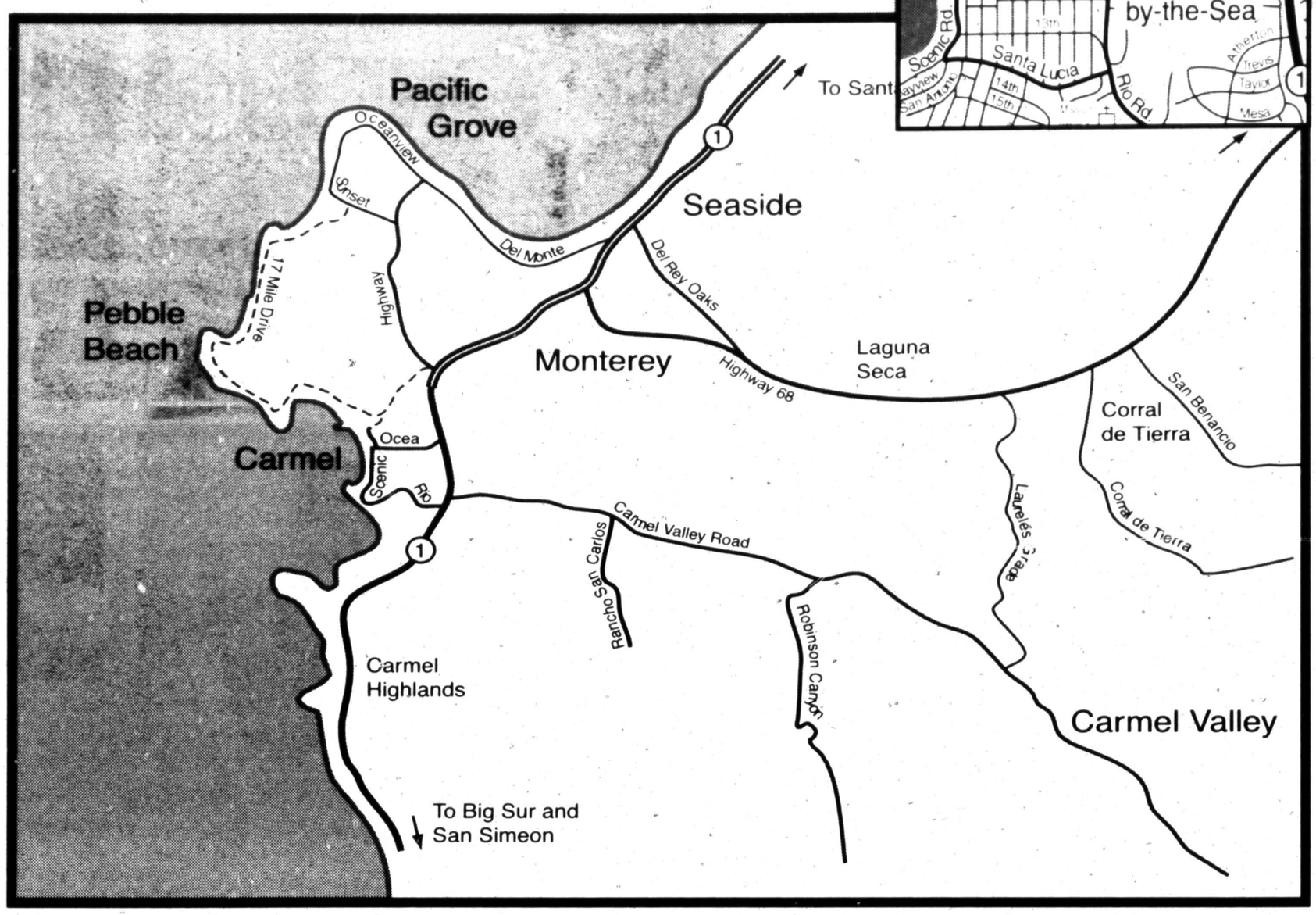


## CARMEL

**$799,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa 2-4 Su 10-12
26 Camino de Travesia — Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

**$1,095,000 2bd 1ba** — Sa Su 1:30-3:30
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24730 Cabrillo Street — Carmel
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**$1,294,000 3bd 2ba** — Su 1-4
25190 Canyon Dr — Carmel
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**$1,295,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 2-4
3 NW Santa Rita & 3rd — Carmel
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**$1,295,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 2-4
24824 Carpenter Road — Carmel
Burchell House Properties — 624-6461

**$1,370,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa 11-1 Su 1-4
SW Corner Forest & 7th — Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

**$1,425,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
Junipero NE Corner of 10th — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$1,645,000 3bd 2.5ba** — Su 2-4
SW Corner Monterey & 1st — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-0136

**$1,695,000 2bd 2ba +den** — Sa 1-3 Su 2-4
2 SE Monte Verde & 4th — Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

**$1,745,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 1-3
Santa Rita & 3rd NW Corner — Carmel
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**$1,795,000 3bd 2.5ba** — Sa Su 2-4
Santa Rita 3 SE of 2nd — Carmel
Burchell House Properties — 624-6461

**$1,795,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa 2-3:30
San Carlos 2 NW 9th — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-0136

**$1,945,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 1-4
Dolores 3 NE of 11th — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$1,945,000 3bd 2ba** — Su 1-4
Dolores 3 NE of 11th — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$1,995,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 1-3
Camino Real 4 NE 4th — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$1,995,000 3bd 2.5ba** — Su 1-3
Lincoln 3 NE 9th — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$2,100,000 2bd 2ba** — Sa 2-4
Camino Real 5 SE 12th — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-0136

**$2,195,000 2bd 2.5ba** — Su 12-3
3420 Mountain View Avenue — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2226

**$2,195,000 2bd 2.5ba** — Su 12-3
3420 Mountain View Avenue — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2226

**$2,300,000 3bd 2.5ba** — Sa 12-2 Sa 2-4
2957 Franciscan Way — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-6482

**$2,375,000 4bd 3.5ba** — Su 2-4
4300 Tolando Trail — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$2,400,000** — Sa 11:30-1:30
Camino Real 13 NE 4th — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-0136

**$2,495,000 3bd 2.5ba** — Sa 2-4
SE Cor Monte Verde & 11th — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-6482

**$2,495,000 3bd 2.5ba** — Su 11:30-1:30
SE Cor Monte Verde & 11th — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-6482

**$2,500,000 2bd 2ba** — Sa 2:30-4:30
2784 Pradera Road — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-0136

**$2,595,000 4bd 3ba** — Sa 1-3
Dolores 4 NE 9th — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$2,885,000 3bd 3.5ba** — Sa 2-4 Su 11-4
Monte Verde 3 SW 13th — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-0136

**$2,950,000 3bd 3ba** — Sa 12-4
2417 San Antonio **(R/C)** — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-6482

**$2,950,000 3bd 3ba** — Su 1:30-3:30
2417 San Antonio **(R/C)** — Carmel
The Mitchell Group — 624-6482

**$2,995,000 3bd 3.5ba** — Su 1-4
Dolores 3 SE 7th - Unit 1 — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$3,395,000 5bd 4ba** — Su 2-4:30
2807 14th Avenue — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$3,495,000 4bd 4ba** — Sa 11-1 Su 2-4
Carmelo 2 NE 4th — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2221

**$3,595,000 3bd 2ba** — Su 2-4
2579 14th Avenue — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2221

**$5,195,000 5bd 5.5ba** — Su 1-4
25434 Hatton Rd — Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

## CARMEL HIGHLANDS

**$5,250,000 4bd 3.5ba** — Su 1-4
204 Walden — Crml Highlands
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

## CARMEL VALLEY

**$569,000 2bd 2ba** — Sa 2-4
9500 Center Street # 50 — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2223

**$679,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa 2-4
37145 Nason Road — Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group — 659-2267

**$1,200,000 4bd 3ba** — Sa 2:15-4
9320 Los Prados Drive — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2221

**$1,250,000 3bd 3ba** — Sa 1-4
26505 Canada Way — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2221

**$1,525,000 3bd 2ba** — Su 2-4
7039 Valley Greens Circle — Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group — 659-2267

**$1,525,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa 1-3 Su 2-4
7039 Valley Greens Circle — Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group — 659-2267

**$1,599,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 1-4
26 Paso Del Rio — Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group — 659-2267

**$1,599,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 1-4
26 Paso Del Rio (R/C) — Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group — 659-2267

**$1,695,000 3bd 2.5ba** — Sa 2-4 Su 12-2:30
4 Pablo Place — Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

**$1,800,000 3bd 2.5 + guest** — Su 1-4
25375 Tierra Grande — Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

**$1,875,000 4bd 3.5ba** — Sa 1-4
15340 Via Los Tulares — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2221

**$1,995,000 3bd 4ba** — Sa 1-4
13370 Middle Canyon — Carmel Valley
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**$1,995,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa 12-1:30
7067 Valley Greens Drive — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2221

**$1,995,000 3bd 2ba** — Su 12-2
7067 Valley Greens Drive — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2221

**$3,400,000 4bd 4+ba** — Su 1-4
75 E. Carmel Valley Rd. — Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

## DEL REY OAKS

**$789,000 4bd 2.5ba** — Su 1-4
3 Los Encinos — Del Rey Oaks
The Mitchell Group — 646-2120

## MARINA

**$669,000 4bd 2ba** — Sa 2:30-4:30
3022 King Circle — Marina
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$729,600 3bd 2ba** — Su 2-4
292 Quebrada Del Mar — Marina
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

## MONTEREY

**$605,000 2bd 1ba** — Sa 2:30-4:30
1961 David Ave — Monterey
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**$639,000 2bd 1ba** — Su 2-4
1561 Withers Avenue — Monterey
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**$749,000 3bd 1ba** — Sa Su 1:30-4
263 Mar Vista Drive — Monterey
The Mitchell Group — 646-2120

**$885,000 3bd 1.5ba** — Sa 1-5 Sun 1-4
238 Mar Vista — Monterey
John Saar Properties — 625-0500

**$1,295,000 4bd 2.5ba** — Sa 1-4
455 Belden — Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

**$2,395,000 4bd 3+ba** — Sa Su 2-4
1099 Alta Mesa — Monterey
The Mitchell Group — 646-2120

## MTRY/SALINAS HIWY.

**$1,250,000 4bd 3ba** — Sa 1-3
25420 Boots Road — Mtry/Slns Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$1,595,000 4bd 3.5ba** — Sa 1-4
19815 Spring Ridge — Mtry/Slns Hwy
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**$1,685,000 3bd 3.5ba** — Su 1-4
127 Las Brisas — Mtry/Slns Hwy
The Mitchell Group — 659-2267

**$1,700,000 5bd 4ba** — Sa 2-4
19652 Woodcrest Drive — Mtry/Slns Hwy
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**$2,595,000 5bd 3.5ba +** — Sa 2-4
25564 Paseo de Cumbre — Mtry/Slns Hwy
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**$2,799,000 3bd 3.5ba** — Sa 12-2
702 Tesoro Road — Mtry/Slns Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte — 626-2222

**$4,299,000 40+ acres** — Sa 12-3
364 San Benancio — Mtry/Slns Hwy
John Saar Properties — 277-4899

## PACIFIC GROVE

**$749,000 2bd 1ba** — Su 2-4
500 Eardley — Pacific Grove
The Mitchell Group — 646-2120

**$780,000 3bd 2ba** — Sa Su 1-4
986 Sydia Dr — Pacific Grove
Alain Pinel Realtors — 622-1040

**$840,000 2bd 1ba** — Sa 11-4 Su 11-4
615 Walnut St. — Pacific Grove
John Saar Properties — 625-0500

**$850,000 3bd 2ba** — Su 2-4
2880 Ransford — Pacific Grove
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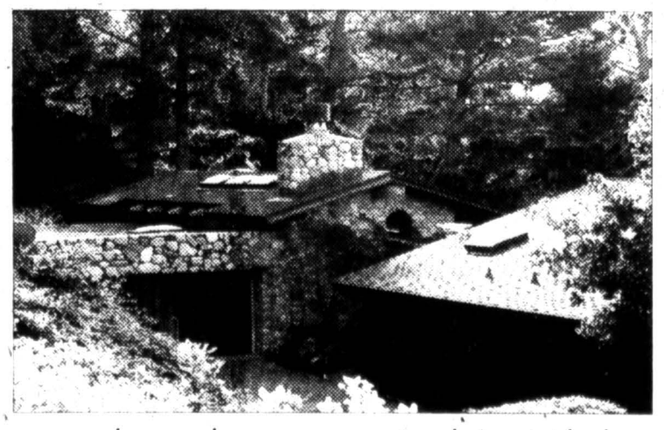

Rustic and cozy inside, this home in Carmel Highlands has a panorama of views from room to room and great privacy by design. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and over 3100 square feet this 9 year old home features a central great room with soaring high ceilings, hearth to ceiling stone fireplace and natural light on all sides. Truly a marvelous and warm ocean view home with character and quality on all sides. Offered at $2,195,000

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# OPEN HOUSES

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| **$1,599,000** | **4bd 2ba** | **Su 2-4** |
| 801 Lighthouse | | Pacific Grove |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| **$1,699,000** | **4bd 3ba** | **Su 12-3** |
| 928 Fountain Avenue | | Pacific Grove |
| The Mitchell Group | | 646-2120 |
| **$2,400,000** | **3bd 2.5ba** | **Sa Su 1-4** |
| 40 Quarterdeck Way | | Pacific Grove |
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| **$2,688,000** | **4bd 4+ ba** | **Su 2-3:30** |
| 190 Central Ave. | | Pacific Grove |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |

## PEBBLE BEACH

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|---|---|---|
| **$1,315,000** | **3bd 2ba** | **Sa Su 1-3** |
| 1060 Laurel Lane | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2221 |
| **$1,595,000** | **3bd 2.5ba** | **Sa Su 1-4** |
| 4105 Crest Road | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| **$1,795,000** | **3bd 3.5ba** | **Sa 1-3 Su 2-4** |
| 2992 Bird Rock Road | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| **$1,875,000** | **3bd 2.5ba** | **Su 2-4** |
| 4013 Los Altos | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2221 |
| **$2,495,000** | **4bd 3.5ba** | **Su 1-3** |
| 1028 San Carlos Road | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2223 |
| **$2,588,888** | **4bd 3ba** | **Sa 11-4** |
| 4054 El Bosque | | Pebble Beach |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| **$5,495,000** | **5bd 4.5ba** | **Sa Su 1-4** |
| 3179 Palmero Way | | Pebble Beach |
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## SEASIDE

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|---|---|---|
| **$693,000** | **3bd 2ba** | **Sa Su 2-4** |
| 2060 Hacienda St | | Seaside |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| **$699,000** | **3bd 2ba** | **Su 11-1** |
| 5 Primrose Circle | | Seaside |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |

## SOUTH COUNTY

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|---|---|---|
| **$4,000,000** | **5bd 4+ba** | **Sa Su 2-4** |
| 36296 Garrapata Ridge | | South County |
| John Saar Properties | | 625-0500 |

## SOUTH SALINAS

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| **$939,000** | **4bd 2.5ba** | **Sa Su 1-4** |
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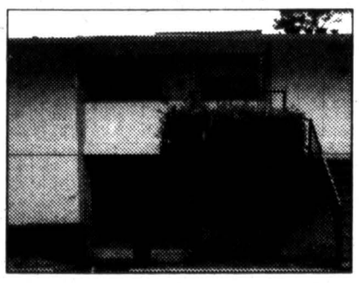

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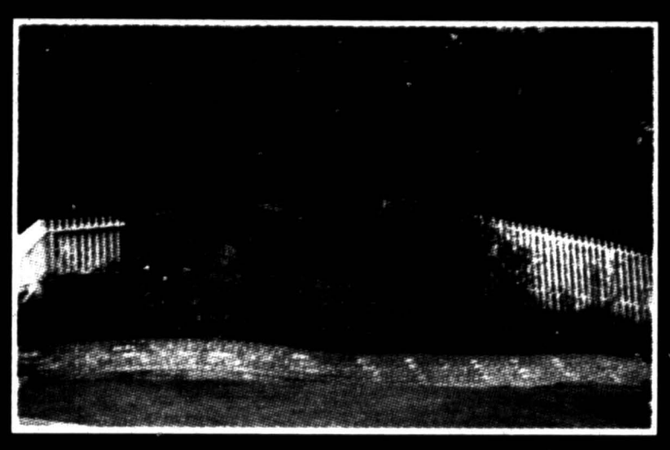

## PACIFIC GROVE

This grand bay view Georgian Revival mansion (circa 1913) is a masterpiece of perfection and charm where old elegance is discovered throughout. Constructed of old growth redwood, the house is warmly graced by Douglas fir quarter sawn oak flooring with ebony inlays, fine plaster refurbished, cove ceilings, extensive moldings and so much more.

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## CARMEL

This 5,100 sq. ft. home rests on a 1/2 acre in the exclusive Hatton Fields estate section has been brilliantly updated with extraordinary attention to detail, extensive use of the finest materials from around the world, and meticulous finishing by the best artisans in Monterey County.

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# Plant Sale

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they peruse hundreds of plants selling for below nursery prices, according to event chairwoman Judy Harrold and horticulture chair Susan Osborne. The plant sale is free.

Cultivated at area nurseries and cared for in club members' gardens, the plethora of plants will include grasses, natives, roses, flowering perennials and many other popular blooms.

"Part of our mission is to be water wise where appropriate, so we will have some drought-resistant varieties," Harrold said, adding that the Peninsula climate is often described as Mediterranean and sustains a wide range of plants, including the popular and hardy salvia.

Those in the market for roses will have to rely on imagination to envision them in bloom, since late April is still too early for most of them to flower.

"Our goal is to have a photo representation," Harrold continued. "And we will also have our 'Sunset' garden books available if people need to see them."

In addition, several garden club members will be on hand to share their invaluable experience and knowledge.

Shoppers looking for more unusual pieces should study the offerings in the Exceptional Silent Auction, many of which have been created by club members.

A small group of women working with talented birdhouse creator George Covell helped design, build, decorate and plant several birdhouses. Bokay Nursery, located in Salinas, gave the club discounts on materials and plants to fill out the

PHOTO MARY BROWNFIELD

**Let Spring Begin will come together at Sunset Center April 23 after months of work by (left to right) event chairwoman Judy Harrold, club president Carol Sullivan and horticulture chairwoman Susan Osborne.**

bird cottages, ranch homes, townhouses and highrises.

Bidders seeking more conventional artwork will find it in the form of a piece donated by noted Carmel painter Ann Walbert, whose work adorns many rooms in La Playa Hotel, and a floral piece painted by watercolorist Francie Campbell.

Topiaries and other "unique items for home and garden" will flesh out the auction offerings.

And since all that activity is certain to generate hunger pangs, the garden club will also sell gourmet boxed lunches of chicken or vegetable panini, fruit, cookie and water, provided by Piatti.

For months, members have worked tirelessly to plan Let Spring Begin, and Harrold hopes the April 23 event, which will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sunset Center, San Carlos and Ninth, in Carmel-by-the-Sea, will satiate many gardeners' appetites and introduce others to the pleasures and benefits of the art.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for community awareness about the garden club's mission — preserving gardens, education and conservation," Harrold said. "It's nice for us to have a project like this, an event that's visible in the community, and it's such a wonderful group of incredible and dedicated women to work with."


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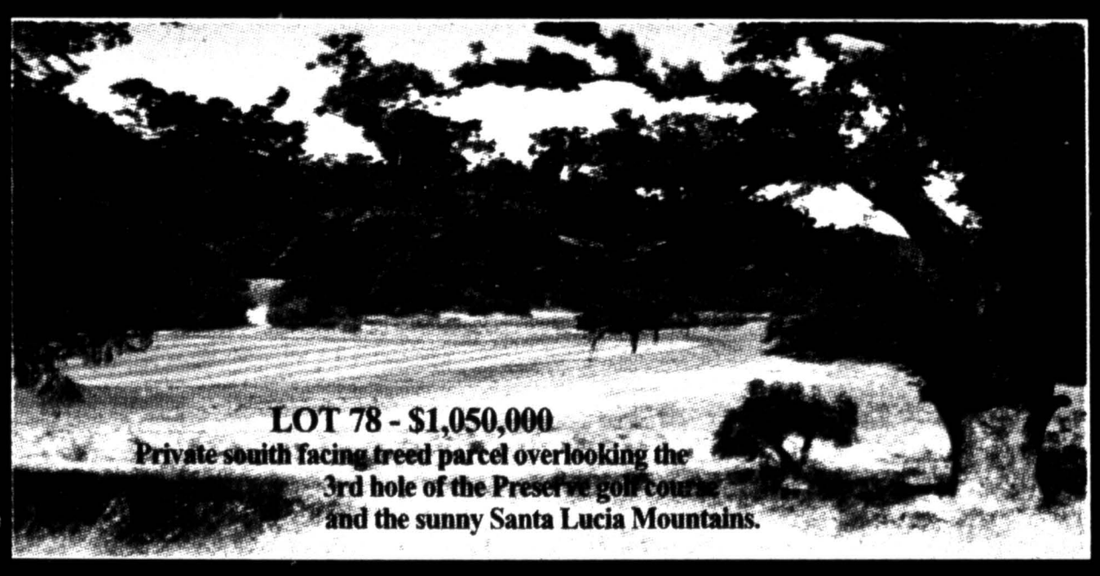

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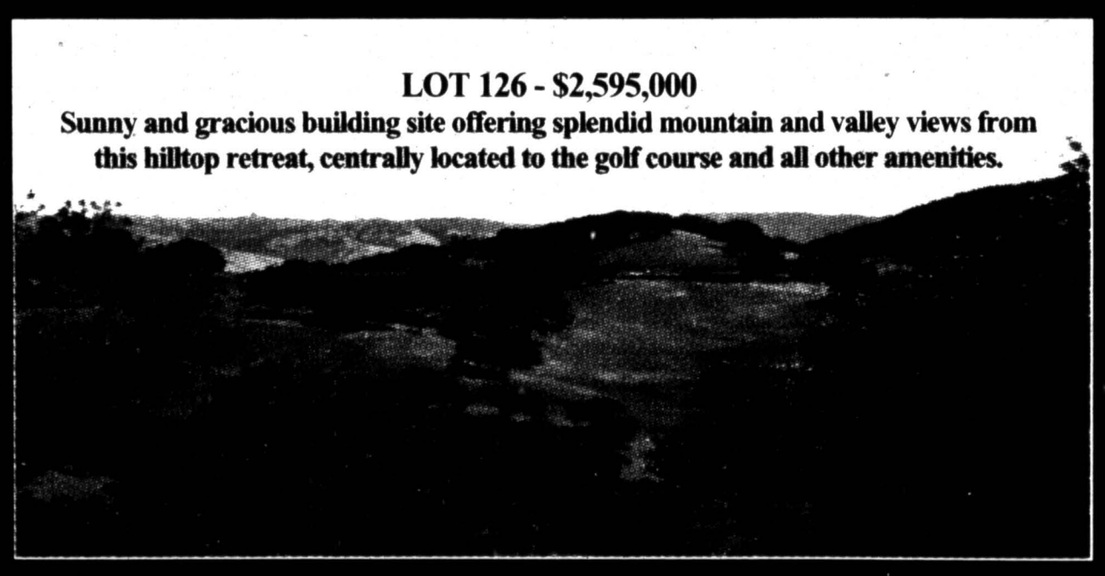
LOT D19 – $1,800,000
Wonderful views of Robinson Canyon and Santa Lucia ridges on this flat sunny equestrian site.



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# POLICE LOG

*From page 4A*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Two vehicle code citations issued on San Antonio and four issued on Junipero between 0728 and 0900 hours.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female Santa Lucia resident stated that she noticed a periodical service, which she is a member of, was charging her personal credit card on a monthly basis for the past four months in the amount of $30. She was able to receive credit for the transactions; however, she later received a telephone call indicating that someone posing as a representative from the company was asking to verify her Social Security number with the former credit card issued to her through Capital One. The female refused to do this and terminated the conversation. She thought her information may have been compromised through the credit card issuer or through another entity. She was counseled how to protect herself. She requested no formal crime report or any other action.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female Torres Street resident indicated she and her husband were involved in a verbal argument. She wanted to leave but her husband insisted that she not. Apparently there is an ongoing issue of having differences. Both parties were counseled. They stated that they have a counseling session scheduled for Thursday with hopes of resolving further conflict in order to save their relationship. There was no indication of any physical violence to either party. No further action required.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Approximately one month ago, the Junipero Street victim noticed that two jackets were taken from her place of business. The victim had a suspicion as to who the suspect was and wanted to report the theft.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen lost her balance on Dolores Street and fell. She suffered minor injuries.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male reported the loss of his Motorola cell phone in the business district on this date.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject lost a cell phone in the business district on Saturday.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported losing her cell phone in the business district on this date.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female Casanova Street resident reported suspicious activity involving her vehicle and home. A watch was mysteriously taken from the package it had come in inside her home. The watch was valued at $80. When she went to her vehicle, she noticed a watch that she had reported missing on 03-03 was placed on her dashboard in plain sight. She thinks she knows who is responsible and believes the person is trying to scare her.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine responded to a

*See **POLICE LOG** page 35B*

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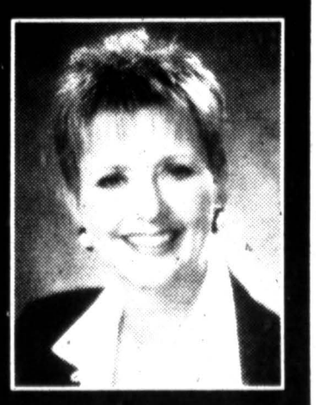

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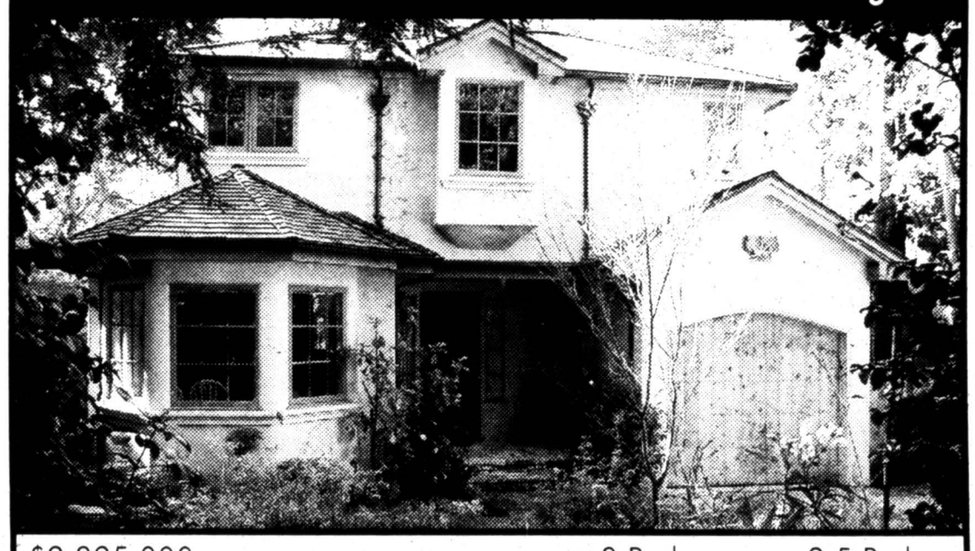

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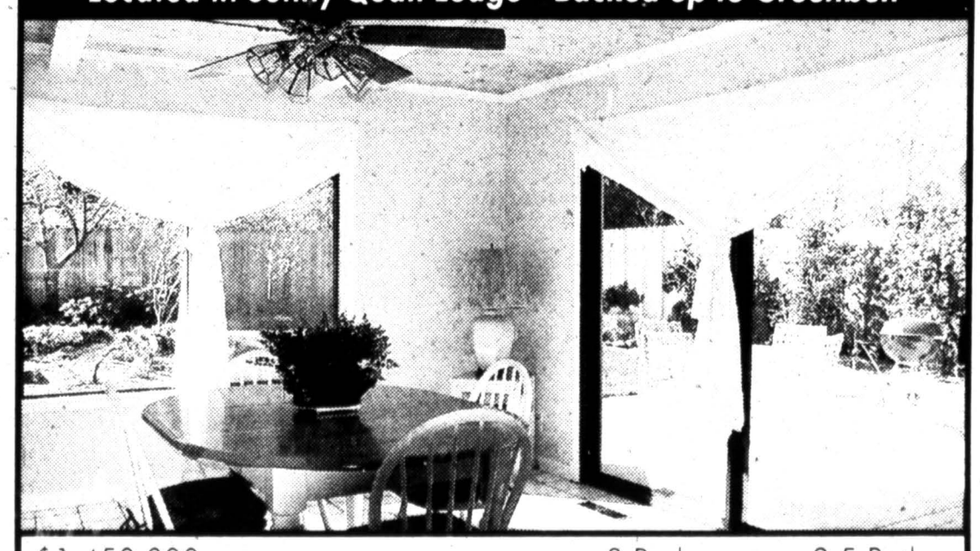

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# Three-year diary allows gardeners a backward glance

**By MARY BROWNFIELD**

AMONG THE hundreds of plants to be sold at "Let Spring Begin," the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club's April 23 fundraiser at Sunset Center, will be the hand-illustrated three-year garden diary created by club members.

Inspired by her own gardening practices and looking for a project to engage many of the other women in the club, Lee von Hasseln developed "A three-year diary for the California gardener."

"I keep a daily diary of what's happening in the garden," she said. "Then if I want to know what was in bloom the year before, I have to pull that out. So the idea was to have something people could look back on for a few years."

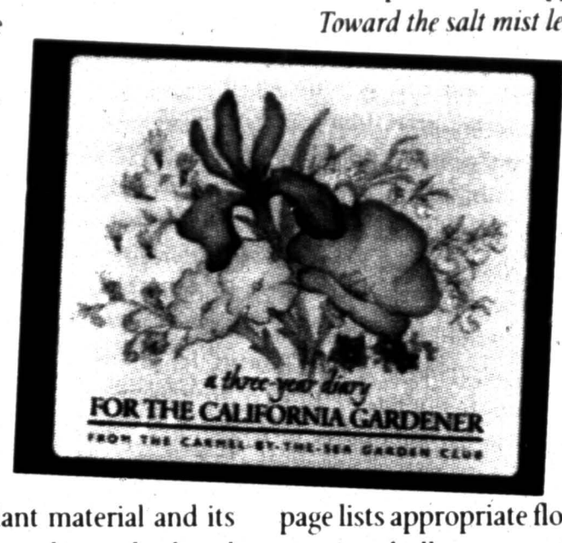
She wanted to keep the format simple and accessible for the recreational gardener — not too technical or weighed down with information — and she asked other members to contribute blooms she could use to illustrate each month, as well as poems to run with them.

Member Carol Stratton, more fluent in the language of computers than von Hasseln, alphabetized and organized the submissions.

"I did all of the drawings, and I did use all California natives in illustrating each chapter," von Hasseln said. That task took her about three months.

Graphic designer Bunne Hartmann laid out the hardcover, spiral-bound book, which is printed on heavy recycled stock.

An inscription from von Hasseln and her committee greets the reader:




"Our purpose in producing this diary is to assist California gardeners to become better educated about horticulture and their own gardening achievements. Personal observations recorded over the years help the advanced, as well as the novice gardener, to become more aware of plant material and its relationship to soil types, weather and cultural requirements. Therefore, we hope this diary will be lovingly filled with a record of daily and monthly facts and observations, and that it will be a valuable companion for years to come.

"With this chronicle we aspire to fulfill one of the purposes of the Garden Club of America — to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, and to contribute to the education and success of the gardener."

The first page of each month bears one of von Hasseln's illustrations, facts about the featured flower and a poem.

January, for example, opens with a drawing of the *Eschscholtzia californica* — California poppy — which so blanketed the landscape that sailors on early Spanish vessels called the coast, "the land of fire," according to the diary. The poppy was named for Johann von Eschscholtzia, a botanist aboard a Russian ship that sailed into San Francisco Bay in 1817.

In his accompanying poem, "January," Warren Cheney observes:

*"When garden plats are pinched and brown,*
*Because the sun itself is cold;*
*When streams are swollen, freighted down*
*With sodden drift and the red mold;*
*When plum trees, stripped of leafy gown,*
*Toward the salt mist lean branches sere;*
*Then hey, my heart, and ho, my heart,*
*The turning of the year."*

The following page contains a to-do list for the month, including a basic how-to for the tricky task of pruning roses. Another page lists appropriate flora to plant, divided by type into bulbs, corms and tubers; perennials, shrubs and vines, and annuals. Later in the chapter, species in bloom are identified. They are divided into the same categories, and advice about what and when to fertilize is included. Throughout, the gardener has ample room to make notes for each of three years.

And so with February, and on throughout the year.

Printed in 1996 to raise money for the redesign of Piccadilly Park on Dolores Street, the club ordered 2,400 copies of the diary, many of which were sold in downtown shops. Current president Carol Sullivan has been overseeing their sales.

"We've sold almost all of them," von Hasseln said. "I use mine — I've gone through a couple."

But they will be available for around $20 each in Sunset Center April 23, when the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club hosts its lectures, plant sale and silent auction from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will help the club raise money for the huge endeavor of restoring the garden in front of Harrison Memorial Library.

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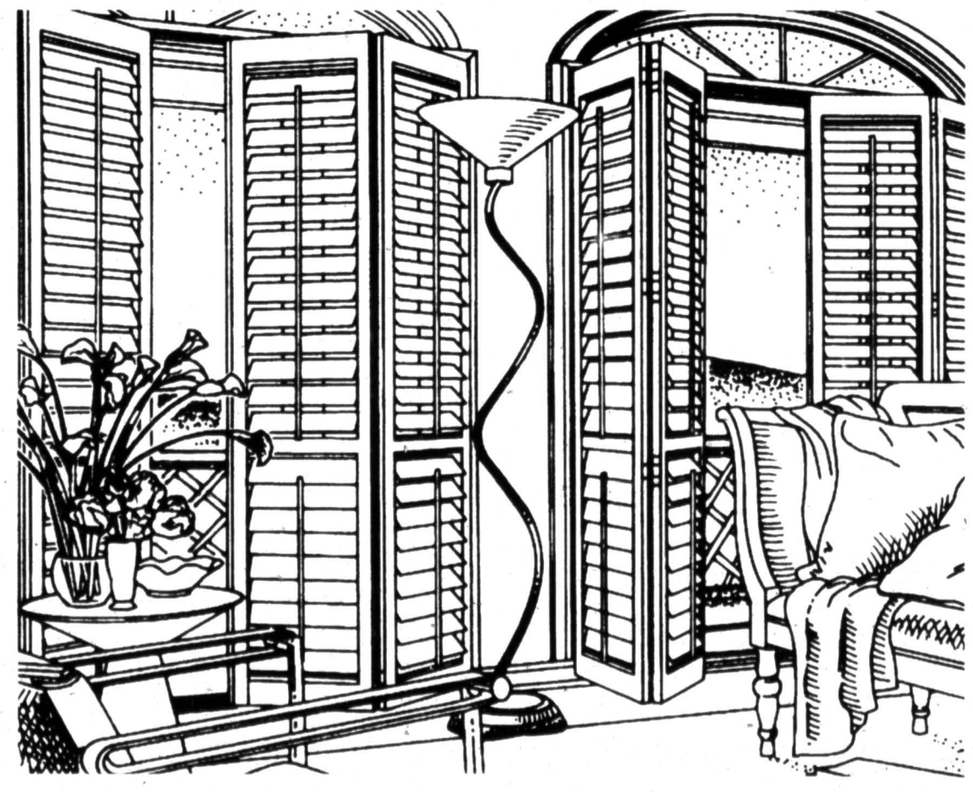
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# POLICE LOG

*From page 33B*

medical emergency at Dolores and Ocean. Firefighters administered first aid to an older female who had fallen and scraped her right pinkie finger. An adhesive dressing was administered as the patient denied any other treatment. The ambulance was canceled upon arrival.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Engine and ambulance responded to a fire alarm activation at Lincoln and Seventh in the Cypress Inn. Upon arrival, firefighters were told by hotel management that all was under control and that a detector in one of the rooms was set off by the fireplace, which had been ignited. The manager was advised to have the detector inspected to see if its sensitivity needed to be adjusted, and he agreed.

**Carmel Valley:** Male Hacienda Carmel resident, age 84, reported someone broke into his tool shed and removed three sets of chairs.

**Carmel Valley:** A 34-year old male reported the groundskeeper from Rancho Cañada found a wallet and a checkbook.

**Pebble Beach:** A 34-year-old female Adobe Lane resident called the sheriff's office to report an identity theft and a possible suspect, her sister.

**Carmel area:** Male Trevis Way resident, age 46, called and reported receiving harassing phone calls.

**Carmel Valley:** An 83-year-old Laguna Robles resident reported an unwanted subject outside of his residence. Contacted his former live-in, who just wanted the title to a vehicle she acquired from him.


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**CARMEL POINT CLASSIC!** Traditional Cotswold architecture makes this 3-bedroom, 3-bath home a great value. With approximately 2200 sq. ft., high vaulted ceilings, plank-oak floors & plaster walls. Near Stewarts Cove and Carmel Beach. $2,875,000.

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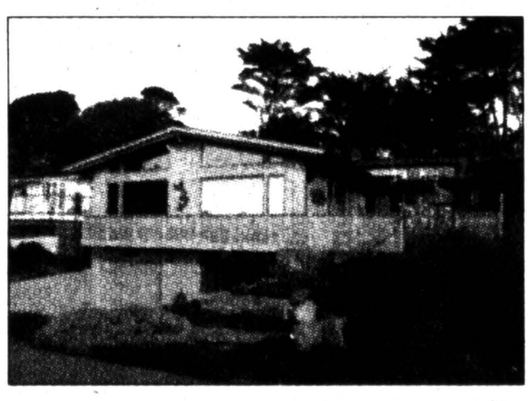

**SCENIC SENSATION!** On Scenic Road, the ocean, beach, and golf course views from this home are sensational! This 3-bedroom, 3-bath, frontline Carmel Beach home offers a sunny ocean-view patio, an oversized lot, and the finest in Carmel living. $7,900,000.

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**CASA DE BELLEZA VISTA!** A landmark estate home on 3.5 acres is one of the finest ocean view homes on the Peninsula! A glorious old-world 4450 sq. ft., 4-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath Mediterranean that has been meticulously remodeled to today's standards with the finest of finishes. $6,900,000.

*Carmel...*

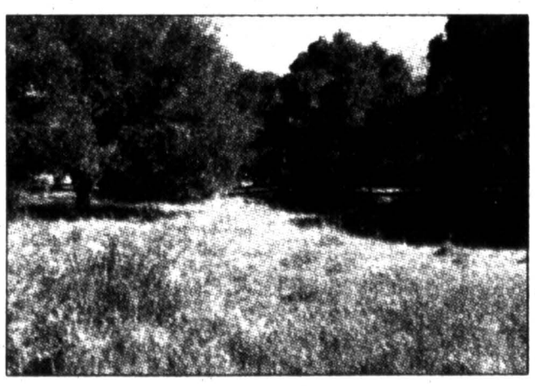
*wander along peaceful meandering lanes under a canopy of pines.*

*Carmel Retreat!*

**Set high above the street on nearly two lots, just a few steps to the beach and town, this 4-bedroom, 4-bath home enjoys exceptional privacy. Quality kitchen boasts a plank floor and marble counters. Upstairs bedroom suite has ocean views. Downstairs, two-room apartment with separate entrance. Superb published gardens include waterfall, pond, lawns and stone patio. $3,495,000.**

## CARMEL VALLEY

**HACIENDA CARMEL!** Crown jewel! If you've never considered living at Hacienda Carmel you will now! This brilliant, complete remodel of 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, with dream kitchen and adjacent warm living room with corner fireplace is a beautiful masterpiece. Every detail is perfect! $599,000.



**LIVE OAK LANE!** Majestic oaks amongst a serene meadow of 1.3 useable acres are the backdrop for this single-level ranch home. This 3-bedroom, 2-bath abode offers floor-to-ceiling windows and needs our imaginative touches. $1,295,000.

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**SPANISH COLONIAL ESTATE!** This magnificent Flagg Hill estate overlooks all of Monterey Bay. This property has undergone a major restoration enhancing its grandeur. With 5 bedrooms, 5 full and 2 half baths, this is one of the finest estate properties in Monterey. $7,795,000.

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| Junipero 2 SW of 5th | Ocean 4 NW of Dolores | Ocean 3 NE of Lincoln | 3775 Via Nona Marie | 501 Lighthouse | The Shops at The Lodge |
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